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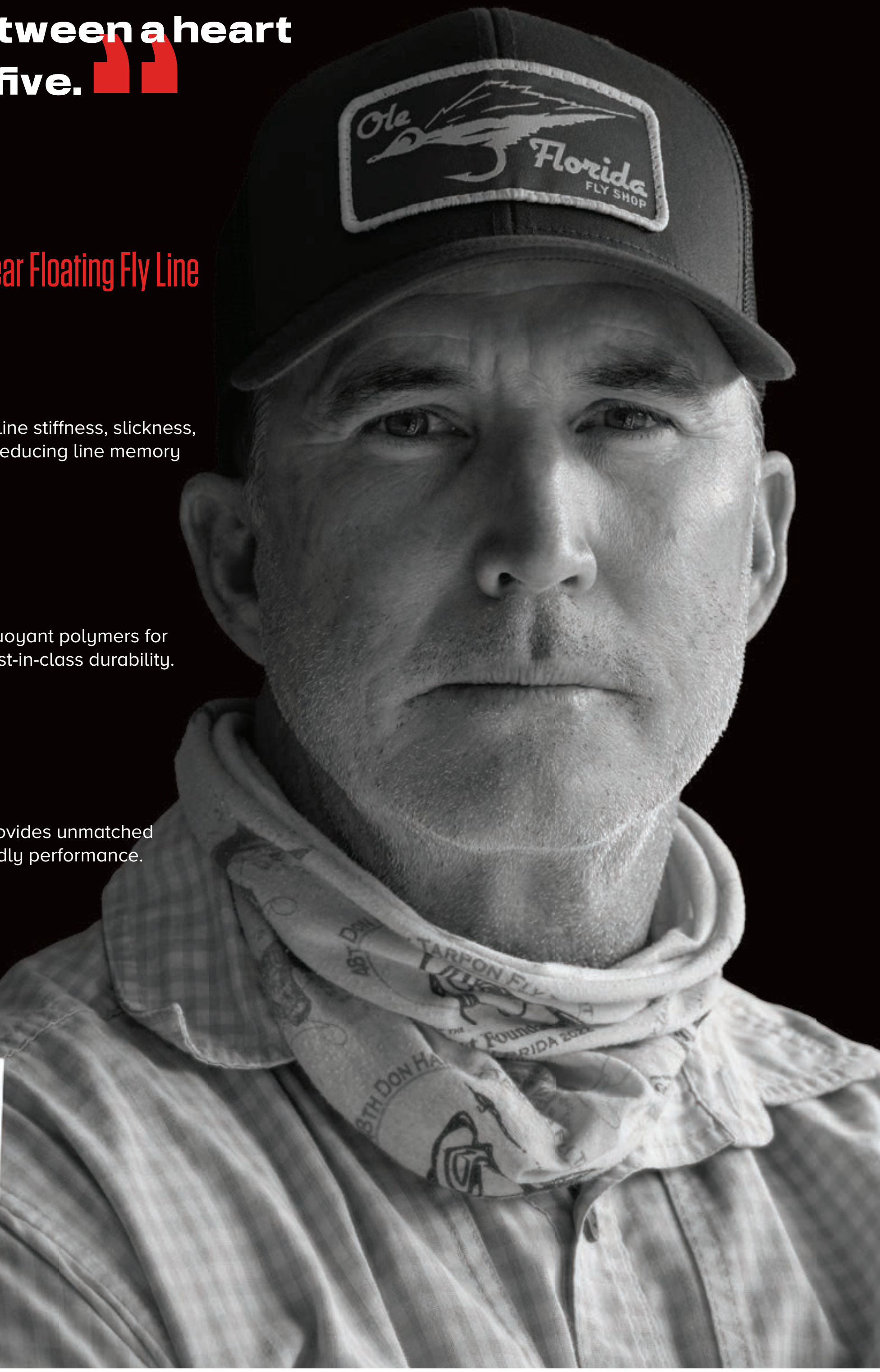
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THIS ISSUE OF

North America Fly Fishing Destinations

includes 84 fact-filled pages highlighting recommendations to the top fly fishing on the North American Continent from experts whose opinions you can trust.

EVERY DESTINATION we represent has been fully vetted by our staff of angling travel experts – and our guys are the best in the sport!

The Fly Shop's travel specialists have had a finger on the pulse that measures quality and the best of fly fishing travel for nearly half a century. We've been separating the wheat from the chaff for our clientele since 1978 and, in the process, learned the difference between good, great, and Shinola®.

We're thoroughly familiar with the best times to visit these lodges and camps because we've visited and thoroughly investigated each destination in our portfolio (*and those that didn't make the cut*).

The Fly Shop's angling travel specialists have learned firsthand what separates mediocre spots from the good spots on the fly fishing map – and those subtle distinction between them and the truly great places in the fly fishing world.

Our advice doesn't stop after the sale, and we'll be there to ensure you show up well-prepared for the angling, the elements, and the experience. After you've made the choice, we'll be there to make sure you've got exactly what you need, because our team is comprised of truly expert anglers.

We're also proud to be the only outfit in the angling travel industry whose sales team isn't driven by commission – but motivated by a sincere interest in finding our clients a destination that best matches their interests, budget, and schedule.

The Fly Shop® team of angling travel specialists are experts you can trust. and has been proving we're our customers' advocate since the day we opened our doors.

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LAST SPRING WE CELEBRATED OUR
46th Anniversary

***THERE WAS NO AMAZON** when we opened our doors in 1978. Al Gore still hadn't invented the internet, and graphite rods were brand spanking new. Fenwick was everyone's number one fishing rod, and 18-year-old Steve Rajeff had just won the first of his 46 consecutive American Casting Association titles and 14 all-around world championships.*

Sage was a seasoning (not a fly rod) when we got started. Both the Winston® and Scott® rod companies were located in San Francisco, G. Loomis wasn't around yet, and "breathable" referred to Los Angeles air quality.

There was no such thing in '78 as YouTube. There were no DVD's, lots more bookstores, and everyone read newspapers, magazines, and went to the local fly shop or sporting goods stores to learn more about the sport, figure out where to go, find out what to use, or learn how to tie the flies we needed.

Now, nearly half a century later, The Fly Shop® has the most widely distributed catalog and most popular website in the sport.

We've assembled an incredible team of fly fishing professionals, and built a business model that continues to grow and prosper – while the top fly shops that were around when we started (Kaufmann's, Fly Fisherman's Bookcase, Fireside Angler, Herter's, and others) – are now gone.

Along the way we made a lot of friends, introduced thousands of kids, men, and women to the sport, helped hundreds of thousands of anglers pick the right fly rod, the appropriate fly line, or choose the right fly for the occasion.

And locally, our talented team of river guides has helped tens of thousands of clients put a bend in those rods.

Internationally, The Fly Shop® has morphed into one of the world's largest and most trusted fly fishing travel companies.

And more recently we dedicated this new magazine to highlight and promote our favorite North American Fly Fishing Destinations. Enjoy!

Mike Michalak

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Rediscovering Fly Fishing *in our own backyards*

Faced with the new normal of the post-pandemic era, social distancing, and politics, anglers have found solace and comfort in the rivers, streams, wilderness areas, and saltwater fly fishing opportunities closer to home.

AMERICA HAS REDISCOVERED our own outdoors, and our backwoods and campgrounds are filled again for the first time in generations. The slow lane on our nation's highways and freeways are lined with RV's, and our National Parks are enjoying standing room only crowds. There's been a virtual renaissance in all forms of outdoor recreation and the world of fly fishing is no exception.

Perhaps after being faced with four walls that were closing in, veteran anglers dusted off tackle and joined a new legion of novice fly rodders on our local steams. What many found was a renewed joy and a rejuvenated appreciation for the water near home that originally inspired their passion for fly fishing.

Those anglers who normally traveled internationally instead took to the open road. Unable to go to Argentina, Kamchatka, Chile, or the Caribbean, fly rodders in record numbers headed instead to the American West for trout, to Texas and Louisiana for redfish, or to Florida for tarpon and snook. Then, when things settled down and options opened back up, many decided to remain focused on what we have closer to home.

Over the course of more than a generation, fly fishermen have gotten in the habit of turning in The Fly Shop's direction for reliable information on where to go fishing.

Now, in response to the demand for more information we've put together our list of recommended destinations in the USA and Canada. Every one of them is a simple reminder that little other fishing in the world compares to what we often find near home.

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***THE FLY SHOP'S TRAVEL TEAM** wrote the book on international fly fishing travel and have now added a new chapter and a brand new series of fly fishing magazines dedicated exclusively to our favorite North American fly fishing locations, lodges, guides, and outfitters.*

***IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN** more detailed information about any of our Northern California or North American fly fishing destinations, and/or would like to receive any (or all) of The Fly Shop's other catalogs, magazines and specialty travel brochures, just call, write, or log onto our website.*

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The Fly Shop's portfolio of North American Travel

Opportunities on the North American continent are a wonderful cross-section of great fly fishing destinations in Alaska, Canada, the Golden State and the American West, South (*Arkansas*) as well as the coastline of Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

They include only those places our staff feel have been proven to be the most outstanding lodges and outfitters in North America. They were chosen from a long list of quality operations in California, and in the Rockies from Alberta and British Columbia south through Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado. Some are friends we've trusted to care for our clientele for generations. And they're all places our travel team has visited and highly recommend.

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We've been to every single one of these places and are confident they rate as among the best in the world of North American fly fishing travel. Each carries our total endorsement, along with our iron-clad guarantee that the quality of the experience is going to be exactly as advertised.

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REMEMBER *it's never been more important to have a trusted travel professional in your corner in both planning and protecting any angling holiday, and there's no outfit in the sport you can trust more than The Fly Shop® to ensure you get all the help you'll need!*

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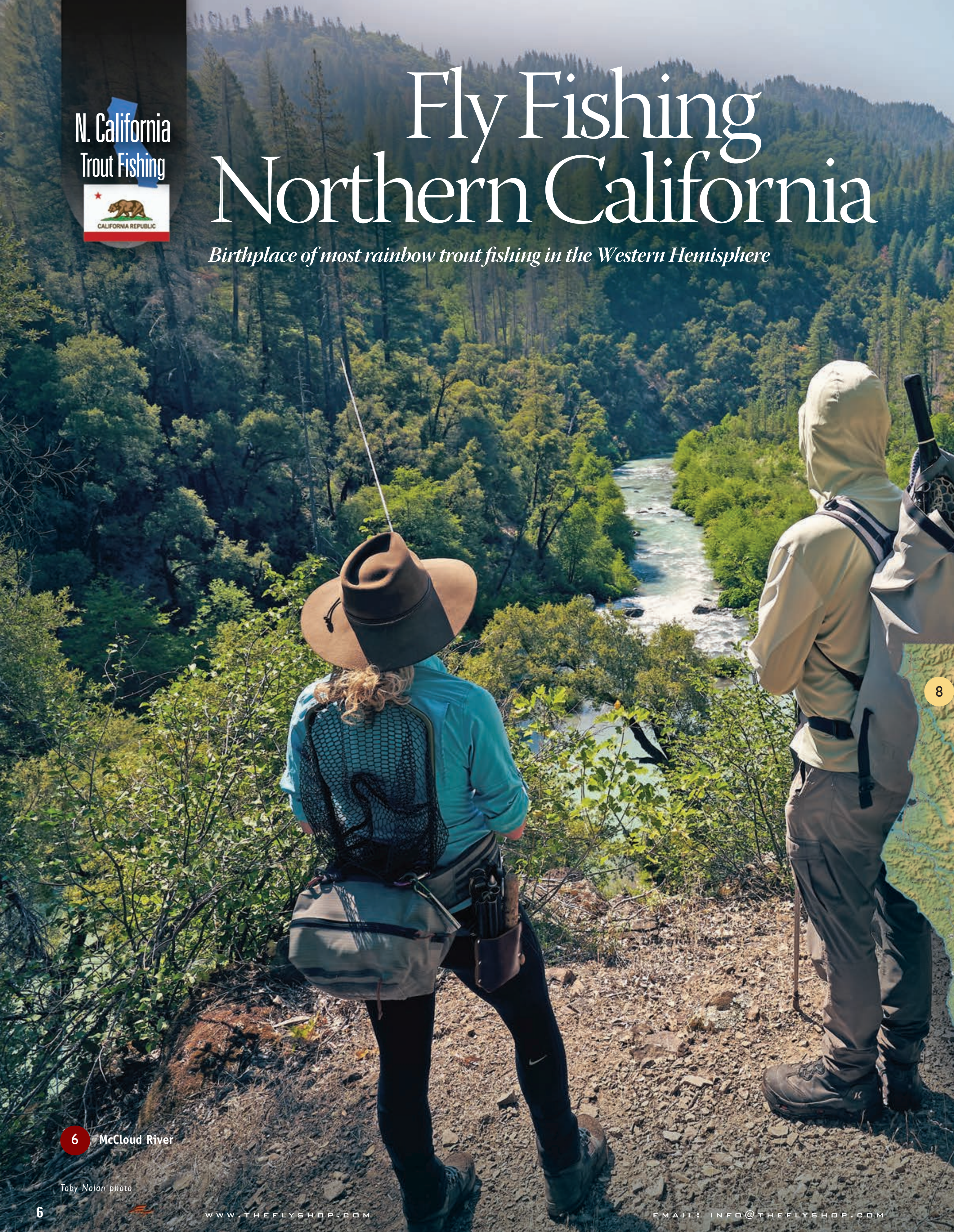
Fly Fishing Northern California

Birthplace of most rainbow trout fishing in the Western Hemisphere



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Toby Nolan photo

The Trout & Steelhead fishing near The Fly Shop®

Surprisingly, there aren't many people in Northern California. In fact, our part of the Golden State is one of the most sparsely populated regions of the Pacific Northwest. Redding (population 93,611) is smaller than Billings, Montana, and we are surrounded by more wilderness areas and blue ribbon fisheries than can be imagined!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAP. The Fly Shop's nearby fisheries are a pleasant, 2-hour drive north of Sacramento through the farm country of the Central Valley, and only 3 hours northeast of San Francisco.

Our combined tri-county area is larger than Vermont and surrounds more than 700 miles of mountain streams and rivers. Siskiyou County (*north of Redding*) covers more than 6,200 square miles, is larger than Rhode Island, and has a population of fewer than 42,000 people. To put our population in complete perspective, consider that all of Northern California has only one telephone area code and covers an area larger than the state of South Carolina.

The Fly Shop® and our surrounding community is located at the very upper end of the fertile Central Valley and the skyline to the north, east, and west is made up of the Salmon-Trinity Alps, and the Sierras, and is accented by two massive volcanoes.

Though some would prefer otherwise, there is very little beyond outdoor recreation and the lumber industry locally, and the Redding community remains sleepy, parochial, and conservative.

We're fortunate to have a few fine hotels, a couple of wonderful restaurants and, because we're blessed with a very temperate climate, (*and two of the west's finest tailwater fisheries*), we've got great trout or steelhead fishing nearly every day of the year.

Certainly we have the occasional winter storm but, on the average, our guides are out having fun with clients more than 300 days of each calendar year.

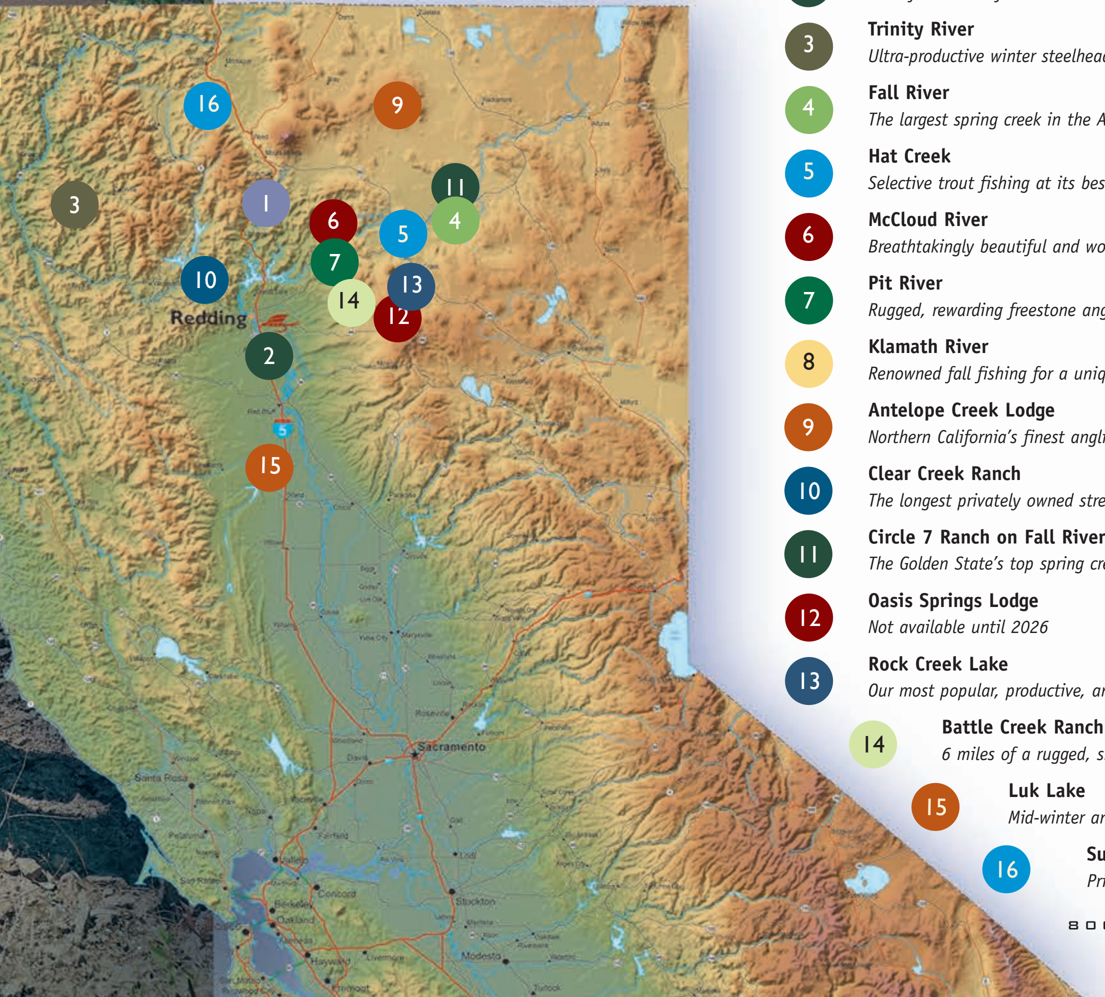
Trout season on the Pit River, Fall River, the McCloud, and the entire Sacramento drainage is open all year. Those fisheries converge just upstream of our city limits, forming the massive Shasta Lake.

Other terrific local angling options on that map include Fall and Winter steelhead fishing on the Klamath and Trinity rivers, two world-famous spring creeks, dozens of small streams stuffed with fish that seldom see an angler, and a plethora of ultra-productive stillwater fisheries.

The Fly Shop's Private Waters

The Fly Shop's team has been developing our Private Waters concept for nearly forty years. We've opened up – and continue to discover – some great fly fishing opportunities formerly held captive behind gates, for what are modest and reasonable fees.

All of our Private Waters are managed exclusively as catch-and-release destinations, and allow only fly fishing with barbless hooks. Angling pressure is kept intentionally light, ensuring each guest experiences the best possible fly fishing. We manage our properties with our own high standards, using common sense, and have discovered that those guiding principles serve all of our guests well.



1 **Upper Sacramento River**
Pocket water wading less than an hour from Redding

2 **Lower Sacramento River**
One of America's finest tailwater rainbow trout fisheries

3 **Trinity River**
Ultra-productive winter steelheading west of Redding

4 **Fall River**
The largest spring creek in the American West

5 **Hat Creek**
Selective trout fishing at its best, an hour away

6 **McCloud River**
Breathtakingly beautiful and world famous

7 **Pit River**
Rugged, rewarding freestone angling east of Redding

8 **Klamath River**
Renowned fall fishing for a unique run of steelhead

9 **Antelope Creek Lodge**
Northern California's finest angling resort

10 **Clear Creek Ranch**
The longest privately owned stream in California

11 **Circle 7 Ranch on Fall River**
The Golden State's top spring creek

12 **Oasis Springs Lodge**
Not available until 2026

13 **Rock Creek Lake**
Our most popular, productive, and private stillwater

14 **Battle Creek Ranch**
6 miles of a rugged, small stream jammed with trout

15 **Luk Lake**
Mid-winter and spring trout & bass fishery

16 **Sugar Creek Ranch**
Private, trophy-trout lakes near Mt. Shasta

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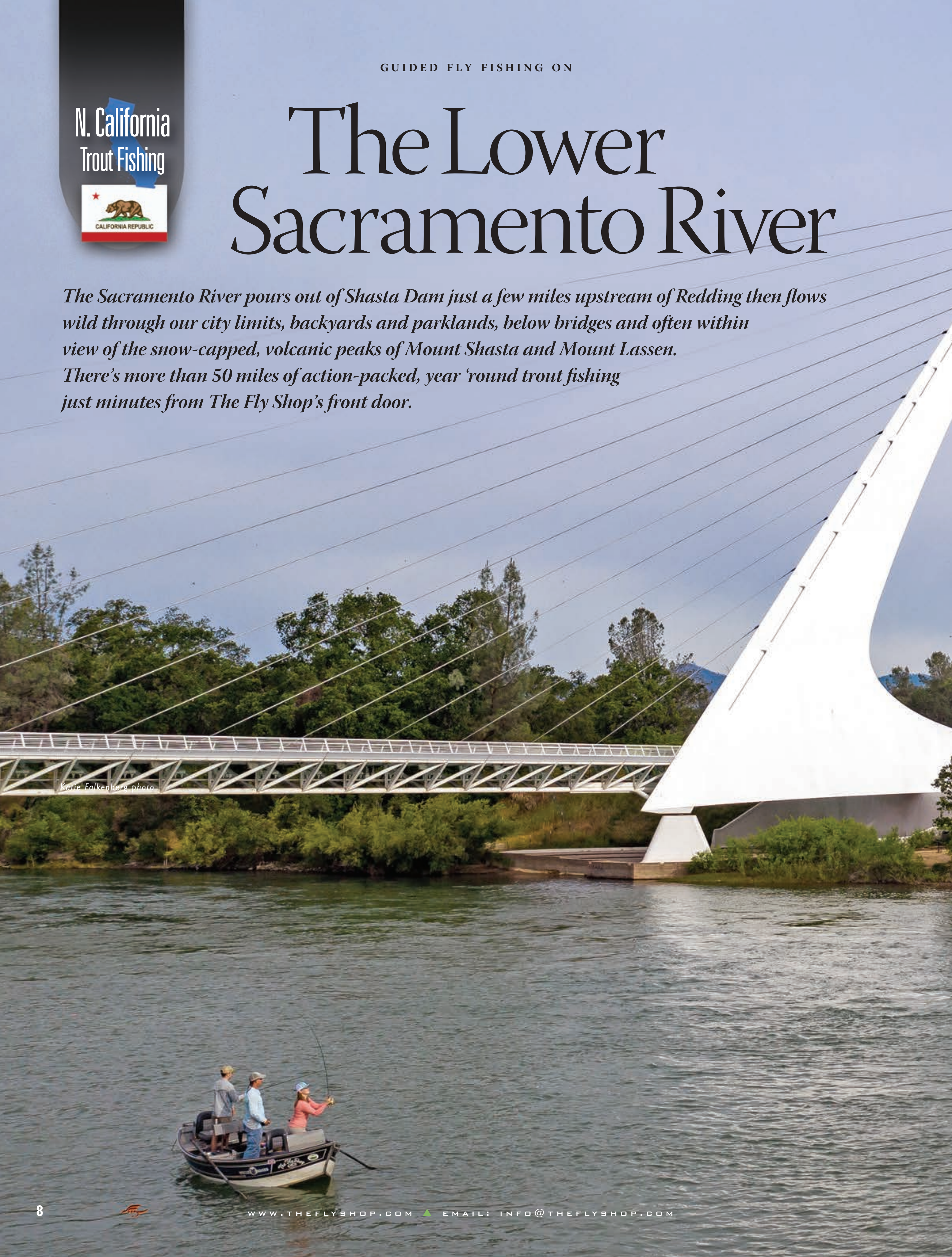
The Lower Sacramento River

The Sacramento River pours out of Shasta Dam just a few miles upstream of Redding then flows wild through our city limits, backyards and parklands, below bridges and often within view of the snow-capped, volcanic peaks of Mount Shasta and Mount Lassen. There's more than 50 miles of action-packed, year 'round trout fishing just minutes from The Fly Shop's front door.



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MOUNTAINS AND VOLCANOES border Redding to the north, east and west, and the Pit River, McCloud River, and Upper Sacramento River (*Mt. Shasta to Redding*) and all their tributaries converge forming the massive Shasta Lake just upstream of our city limits. The deep, cold water of the Sacramento pours from the tallest dam in the United States, and for the next 50 or so miles is one of the West's premier tailwater rainbow trout fisheries.

Both volume and the temperature of flows on the Lower Sacramento are controlled. Consistently cool, year 'round 53-degree river water temperatures are released from the dam for the river's endangered king salmon and steelhead. The by-product is outstanding fishing for a wild, healthy population of rainbows.

The combination of controlled flows from Shasta and Keswick Dams, and our very temperate Redding climate add up to near-optimum fishing conditions on the Sacramento almost every day of the year.

While the numbers of fish are certainly dependent on both river conditions and angling expertise, our skilled guides usually end each day with a boatload of happy anglers.

Average rainbows measure about fifteen inches and trophy-sized trout aren't uncommon. And, in contrast with many rivers in the American West, drift boat fishing for trout on the "Lower Sac" remains a relatively solitary experience.

The Lower Sac is a broad, powerful river, with flows averaging between 3,000 and 10,000 CFS. Due in part to the sheer volume of the river throughout much of the year, and the limited shoreline access, the "Lower Sac" is generally best fished from the comforts of the McKenzie-style drift boats.

Weather conditions, and high and low flows alter methods ranging from dry flies to indicator nymphing, but seldom change the results.

Because of the consistently low water temperatures, Sacramento River trout have a year-long growth cycle, and grow rapidly on a high-protein diet comprised of a combination of salmon eggs, mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, scuds, and midges. There's always something nutritious for the fish to eat, and they grow to wonderfully large proportions on the average.

Broad-shouldered, spring-loaded steelhead join those local river rainbows each fall, and add another facet to what Sacramento angling veterans will argue has become one of the finest, year-round tailwater trout fisheries in the country.

The terminal tackle and techniques developed by The Fly Shop's guides on the Lower Sacramento have become the model for many of the other large tailwater drift fisheries in the West.

Our skilled guides work as a team, sharing their knowledge and decades of experience while concentrating on more than fifty trout-filled miles of river below Shasta Dam separating Redding from Red Bluff.

What separates The Fly Shop's guide staff from other local operations and independent guides is experience and the fact that our team of professionals works together, sharing information daily. By combining their talents, ideas, and everyday experience, they've become the most successful and popular guides in the Golden State.

Our guides are models for proper streamside etiquette and everyone rowing a boat for The Fly Shop® is exclusively catch-and-release.

The Fly Shop® Guide Rates

Our rates are identical, whether for one or two anglers. Guides provide lunch on all full day trips, flies and tackle on full & half days.

▲ $625 Full-day guided fishing
▲ 485 Half-day guided fishing

Marcel Siegle photo

The Upper Sacramento

One of the finest roadside streams in the American West!

TROUT FISHING on the Upper Sacramento begins just east of Interstate 5 near Dunsmuir. The river pours out of Lake Siskiyou and cascades south for 39 fish-filled miles before emptying into Shasta Lake. This section of freestone river was touted for decades as (*and still remains*) one of the finest, roadside trout streams in the American West.

Despite the easy roadside river access, there is surprisingly little pressure on the Upper Sacramento River In fact, anglers willing to hike even a mere 10 minutes along the I-5 corridor from almost any access on the interstate will find themselves alone on a beautiful freestone river that's left alone and untouched by many for most of the year.

The Sacramento River was made famous in the 1960's by the syndicated sportswriter Jim Green of the San Francisco Chronicle. His near-weekly articles were often about the legendary fly fisherman, Ted Fay, and his ultra-effective, high-stick, short-line nymphing techniques. There are predictable, summer evening caddis hatches, plenty of terrestrials, spring Salmonflies, and on any given day fly fisherman can use their favorite tactics. Swinging soft hackles, "Euro nymphing," and high-sticking Heavy nymphs (*which has had its roots in this area*) are the most popular methods of fly fishing the Upper Sacramento.

Access on the Upper Sac is as good as it gets. There are nearly 40 miles of public access to this freestone gem via the Union Pacific Railroad tracks that run paralllel to the river for nearly it's entire length. The most distant section of the Upper Sacramento is less than a 45-minute drive from the The Fly Shop's front door.

The river made international headlines in 1991 when a train car derailed and puked 19,000 gallons of toxic chemicals into the river, killing every fish, crayfish, insect and all other aquatic life in a 36-mile stretch of the Sacramento from its headwaters to Lake Shasta. Fortunately, nature finds a way and within two years both the aquatic and invertebrate life had been reestablished. By the third anniversary of the catastrophe, the entire river had been heavily re-stocked with a native strain of wild rainbow trout which now flourish in the Upper's abundant food supply.

The Fly Shop® guides on the Upper Sacramento

Guides here at The Fly Shop® have been at the elbow of successful anglers on the Sacramento for more than four decades. They've been wading it's banks through every phase of the river's transitions and are intimately familiar with every bend, riffle, and pool of this spectacular river from the Cantara Loop to where it pours into Shasta Lake.

Our fee is identical, whether packages are for one or two anglers. The guides provide a nutritious, healthy lunch along with bottled water, fly rods, all the appropriate flies, and any necessary terminal tackle.

Wading gear is necessary and isn't provided.

▲ $625 Full-day Guided Trips

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Marcel Siegle photos

The Pit River

The foot trails between the fish-filled pools, riffles, and the swift pocket water of the Pit are slippery and difficult. But the fishing is worth every ounce of effort.

YOU CAN STEP ACROSS the Pit River in the grassy meadows of the Madeline Plains near the river's spring creek source. But the section of river that interests fly fishermen is far downstream. By the time it parallels Highway 299 west of Burney, it has been bolstered by both Fall River and the Tule River. Then the Pit passes through Lake Britton, and with added volume from Hat Creek and Burney Creek it drops into the Pit River Canyon – a geomorphologic twin to the Sacramento and McCloud ravines. From there downstream it becomes one of the most rugged freestone rivers in the Golden State.

Veteran anglers consider the miles of freestone river below the Pit 3 and Pit 4 PG&E hydro facilities to be the prime target for trout fishing. But that's only because the majority of the water up and downstream in the Pit River canyon is roadless. Accessibility is limited by steep canyon walls and every inch of the terrain can sometimes be a challenge.

Pit River rainbows are the same slow-growing, long-lived, powerful fish found in the McCloud and Upper Sacramento canyons. They'll bend a 6-weight to the butt and are seldom landed with less than a strong tippet.

Nothing about fishing the nearly 36 miles of the Pit River between Lake Shasta and Lake Britton is easy. But the reward is usually consistent action with fat, feisty, and wild Pit River rainbows and the experience is worth every ounce of effort.

The Pit River below Lake Britton is open year round and the tailwater below a series of hydro dams forms some of the best stretches of riffles, pools, glides and pocket water in the North State. Trout migrate towards cold seeps as the spring warms to summer. Spring hatches can have big 'bows gulping stoneflies and PMDs within a rod's length, and high-sticking is always productive.

Due to the remote and demanding terrain, the Pit gets little pressure when compared to The McCloud and the Upper Sacramento.

Our team has unlocked the secrets of the Pit and though it rates as a favorite guided destination, anglers often have the river all to themselves.

Wading gear is necessary and isn't provided.

▲ $625 Full-day Guided Trips

The McCloud River

No fish is more famous or more important to the world of trout fishing than the wild rainbows of the McCloud River

McCLOUD RIVER RAINBOWS are noted for their beauty, fight and strength. At the same time they're very slow growing creatures and California Fish & Wildlife has angling regulations and limits to help protect them.

The Upper McCloud is small, narrow, brushy, and an ideal spot for light rods and dry flies. Small rainbows, browns and brookies often cohabit in the shallow pocket water, small pools, and narrow river headwaters before cascading over two spectacular falls near Fowler's Camp. Just beyond that point the river is strengthened by springs beneath the lava fissures along the river's edge that pour tens of thousands of gallons of water each minute into the river.

There are several miles of excellent public trout fishing below Fowler's Camp above where the river enters the (*private*) Hearst property and before eventually emptying into McCloud Reservoir. The McCloud doubles in size in that section, becomes more fertile, and harbors slightly larger trout.

Between McCloud Reservoir and Ah-Di-Na Camp are three rugged, roadless miles of picture-perfect pocket water trout fishing. Then, just downstream from Ah-Di-Na the McCloud River enters a five-mile corridor owned by the Nature Conservancy. Angling is strictly limited (*half by first-come/first-served basis, half by reservation*) on the first half of the Nature Conservancy water.

Toby Nolan photos

A UNIQUE SECTION OF THE McCLOUD RIVER

The Bollibokka

(EST. 1904)

The finest 7 miles of
the world famous
McCloud River

THE SEVEN MILES of McCloud River within the confines of Bollibokka are just 36 miles north of The Fly Shop® on the southern slope of Mt Shasta.

Bollibokka began as a private club just after the turn of the last century when a group of wealthy anglers from San Francisco purchased more than a dozen miles of river frontage on the McCloud and all of the property extending to the high ridges on both slopes of the steep canyon. It's bordered upstream by a dozen miles of other private property and entirely surrounded by a roadless portion of the Shasta Nat'l Forest before the river leaves the property and pours into Shasta Lake. And for more than a hundred years the property remained some of the most jealously guarded fly fishing in California.

Bollibokka's historic main house features a dining room dating back to the late 1800's, a farm-style residence, fully furnished guest cabin, and a separate stone cottage only a roll cast from the river. Though the riverside complex collectively handles 14 guests, angling is limited to no more than 10 anglers.

The Upper Bollibokka includes the Way Station Cabin, perched on a rock outcrop gazing down on a classic river pool below, and sleeps up to 6 anglers.

There's nothing fancy about the place, but Bollibokka's informal atmosphere is enhanced by its rustic charm, fishing legacy, and isolation. It's extremely popular, and a perfect spot for individuals, small groups of friends, companies, or organizations. Space at Bollibokka is very limited.

Access to The Bollibokka is administered by The Fly Shop®
Contact us for more details.

Guided fishing on the McCloud

The Fly Shop's guides spend a great deal of time each season on the McCloud. They're well-prepared with the knowledge, experience and correct tackle to insure that every day on this famous river is a success.

Spring anglers meet with a terrific hatch of Salmonflies and Green Drakes. Flies and techniques get progressively more technical throughout the summer and springs into an even higher gear in the fall.

Our guides focus on the wild & scenic section of the river below McCloud Reservoir and through the Nature Conservancy, where guides are allowed to accompany those anglers in the Conservancy section with advanced first-come/first-served reservations.

- ▲ $625 Full-day Guided Trips only

Guided fishing on Bollibokka

For the first time *(from mid-November through March 2025)*, The Fly Shop's guides will be allowed to host small groups (*maximum 6*) and former guests on the superb, seven-mile Bollibokka portion of the McCloud.

- ▲ $625 Full-day Guided Trips
- ▲ Plus a $175 per angler Bollibokka trespass fee

Marcel Siegle photo

THE GOLDEN STATE'S MOST FAMOUS CHALKSTREAM

Hat Creek

The wild trout section of this picture-perfect spring creek has been a Mecca for serious fly fishermen for more than two generations!

LOWER HAT CREEK is truly a technical spring creek and one of the most beautiful chalk streams in the West. Popularity accompanies the fishery's reputation and early season crowds are an issue. Pressure can be intense, and these rainbows and browns will usually rise only to expertly presented, exact imitations. The well-earned reputation for ultra-selective, wild trout has made this 2½-mile portion of stream a target for dedicated fly fishermen that thrive on exactly this kind of challenging situation.

Lower Hat Creek is a bit more than an hour to the East of Redding. It's a terrific mid-summer target in late afternoons and evenings during those months when the menu consists of a variety of mayflies that must be matched to be successful.

The two riffle sections *(below the Highway 299 bridge and below the Power House)* are easily waded and harbor some of the largest populations of salmonflies in the Northern California region. The mile and a half separating the pocket water is some of the most beautiful chalkstream in the country.

UPPER HAT CREEK is a small stream fanatic's dream come true. The tight, willow-lined stream requires pin-point accuracy, and the relatively naive resident and planted trout are usually eager to swallow any properly presented fly.

There are numerous campgrounds and fishing access points along the upper portion of the stream near the junction of California Highways 44 and 89. This small, upper section of Hat Creek provides a little bit of something for everyone. Some of the roadside pools are kept stocked full of pan-sized trout for kids and beginners – or those who just like a couple fresh fish for breakfast.

Experienced anglers avoid those heavily-fished sections and concentrate, instead, on the brush-lined sections of pocket water that get less pressure. There are miles of undercut banks and shaded shoreline that provide perfect cover for colorful rainbows and a surprising number of resident brown trout.

Be respectful of the locked gates of a few local ranches along Hat Creek and nearby Rising River, which have been off limits to the public for generations.

Hat Creek is within easy striking distance of the Pit River, which has its own superb brand of freestone fly fishing. A perfect day of trout fishing might include dry fly fishing on Hat Creek in the morning and evening, then nymphing the Pit for trophy rainbows in the afternoon.

Burney, Burney Falls & McArthur State Park

A great holiday base in the heart of the Hat Creek – Fall River region

Burney, in Eastern Shasta County is about an hour from Redding. The little town is located within easy striking distance of Fall River, Hat Creek, the Pit River, Baum Lake, Lake Britton, and Burney Creek. There's reasonably priced, quality lodging, a few restaurants, full service grocery, a pharmacy, and even a gaming casino.

Too, it's only a short drive from Burney to two geological wonders; Lassen National Park and McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.

The Fly Shop® Guide Rates

Our fee is identical, whether packages are for one or two anglers. Guides provide lunches, bottled water, and tackle – fly rods, flies, and all terminal tackle.

▲ $625 Full-day Guided Trips

Fall River

Nineteen miles of one of the largest spring creeks in the American West was first opened to the public by a bold fisherman toting wire-cutters

FALL RIVER BEGINS on Thousand Springs Ranch near the tiny community of Dana, about 75 miles east of Redding, an hour and 20 minute drive from The Fly Shop's front door. The river originates from a single, massive, funnel-shaped, artesian-fed aquifer that belches thousands of gallons each second, emanating from subterranean springs far below the slopes of nearby, volcanic, Mount Shasta. In a matter of yards the natural well morphs into a magnificent, crystal clear trout stream. It is California's version of Idaho's Silver Creek, Patagonia's Arroyo Pescado, or Kamchatka's Sedanka.

As the spring creek meanders its way downstream toward the confluence with the Pit River, it gains both volume and waistline. Less than a mile from its source, the Fall River is a large spring creek, too deep to wade, and navigable only by shallow draft Jon Boats for more than16 miles until reaching its first (*hydroelectric*) roadblock.

Before 1970, barbed-wire fences crossed Fall River at each property line. Floating between them wasn't allowed and fishing clubs leased each section. In the late '60's an intrepid angler drifted the river from its source, cutting each of the wire fences as he moved downstream toward public water and eventual arrest.

An ensuing landmark court decision (*Baker v. Mack*) declared the river navigable, it's fences were removed, and in 1970 a new public fishery was established.

Fall River is not only important as one of the largest and most prolific blue-ribbon spring creeks in the American West, but also because of the legal, national precedent it established defining river navigability.

Rainbows in the river average about 16 inches, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that there are sections of the serpentine spring creek that harbor as many as 4,300 rainbow trout per river mile.

Water temperatures stay in the low 50's in the upper river, and the huge volume of spring water inflow maintains Fall River water temperatures at near optimum ranges for trout production, even during mid-summer.

These fish are incredibly wary and aren't easy to hook. It may be because they live in as clear a stream as can be imagined. Or simply the fact that they are one of the least miscegenated, wild species of trout left in the American West.

Fishing Fall River requires skill, experience, access, and some sophisticated equipment to be successful. Nominally public, the entire shoreline is completely private, and off-limits.

The river averages more than a hundred and fifty feet wide, and nearly 4.5 feet deep. Wading is impossible, and shallow draft Jon Boats equipped with small gas or electric motors are the best way to stalk these fish. It's a chess match requiring exacting flies, subtle terminal tackle, and near-perfect presentation.

Further complicating the situation is the fact that the only public access point is located in the lower portion of the river at the Cal Trout property adjacent to Island Bridge. That access is limited to half a dozen boats each day.

Though lower Fall River is an excellent fishery and is dead-center in the mid-summer Hexagenia hatch, from there it is impractical to motor far upstream to toss a fly into literal swarms of Pale Morning Duns and spinners carpeting the stream surface each spring morning.

The blizzard of mayflies begins hatching at the end of April, often covers the water in June, and continues through mid-July. The only upper river access available is through private water and clubs above the Spring Creek confluence.

Bryan Quick photo

Circle 7 Ranch

is strategically located alongside some of the finest spring creek fishing in California and rates as the absolute best angling residence on Fall River.

CIRCLE 7 RANCH is a lovely riverside summer home resort complex. The ranch's four angling cottages each have satellite TV, phones, central air conditioning, sundecks, barbecues, and fully furnished gourmet kitchens.

The housekeeping cottages are located directly adjacent to Fall River, California's premier spring creek, and they're outfitted for the ardent fishermen.

Guests enjoy a communal game room, with pool table, darts, and a jukebox with 200 titles. It's a spot where anglers and their friends or family can relax at the end of the day in comfort. Most important is Circle 7's dead-center access to more than nine miles of terrific fishing on California's most exclusive spring creek. Circle 7 boat rentals and launch privileges are limited to guests only.

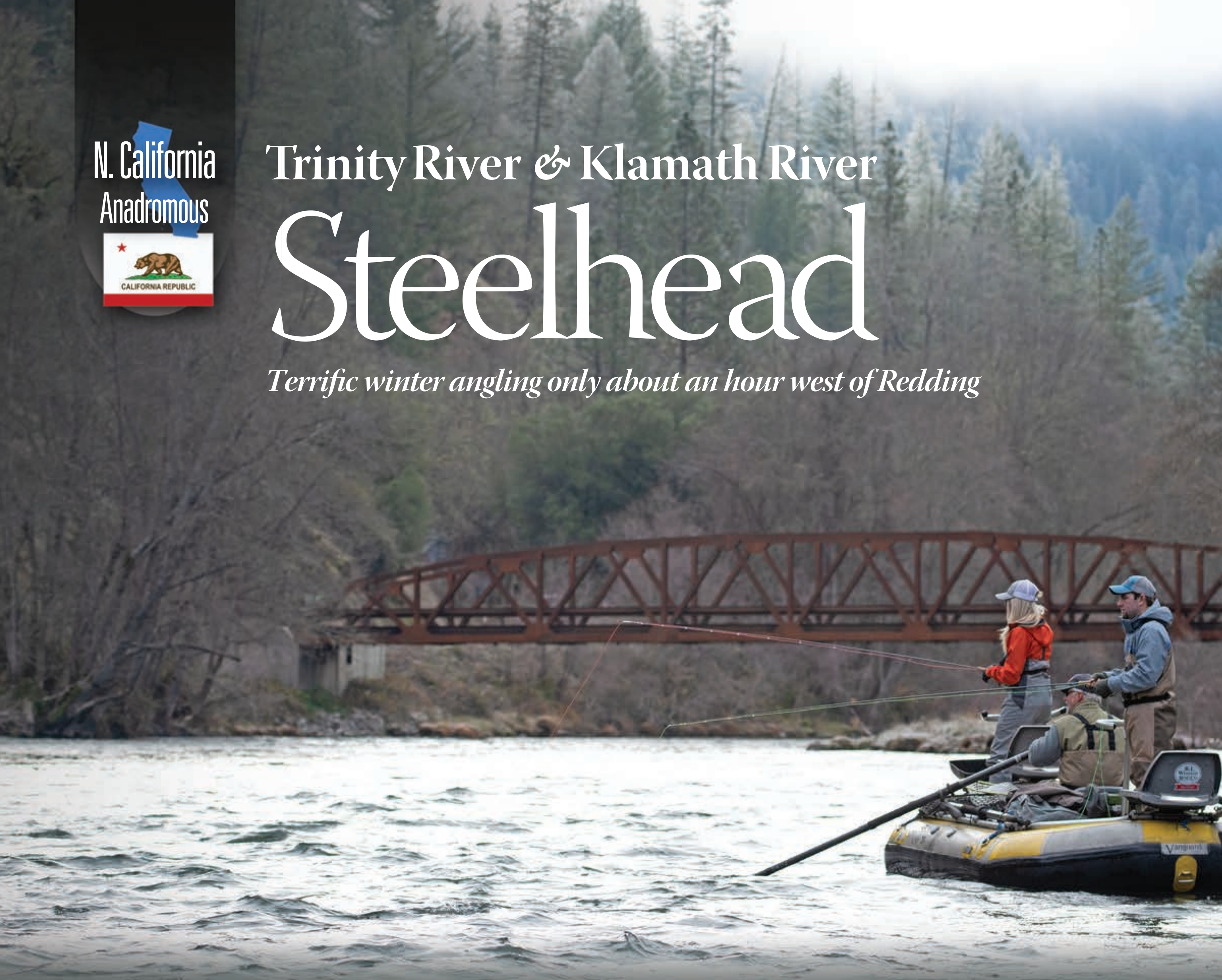
- Streamside cottages can accomodate as many as eight guests comfortably and range in price from $410 to $640/night.
- Options include a fleet of rental Jon Boats equipped with outboards and electric motors ideally suited for the river.
- Circle 7 boat rentals are $100 per day, and there is a $45 fee for guests to launch their own prams.
- The season on Fall River is now year 'round, but the Circle 7 facility is open only from May thru mid-November.

Give us a call to reserve your space on this wonderful blue-ribbon spring creek today!

N. California
Anadromous

Trinity River & Klamath River
Steelhead

Terrific winter angling only about an hour west of Redding



ARGUABLY ONE OF the finest steelhead streams in the American West, the Trinity River's runs of anadromous fish were nearly decimated when Trinity and Lewiston Dams were completed in 1960. However, restoration efforts brought a combination of wild and hatchery steelhead back into the fishery by the thousands, and recent years on the Trinity have boasted some of the strongest steelheading in decades.

Court action by Native Americans, the Trinity Guide Association, and other concerned stakeholders have helped to restore, improve, and ensure consistent water flows in recent years. The end result is that this amazing river is getting better and better.

The Trinity's headwaters are fed primarily by a spiderweb of small tributaries which drain the roadless, Salmon-Trinity Alps Wilderness Area. That water is collected above Lewiston Dam and Trinity Lake then released systematically into the "Wild & Scenic" river which flows through a beautiful, forested canyon for 110 miles before joining the Klamath River.

Like most tailwaters the Trinity clears quickly after every rain, affording a more reliable target than lots of other coastal steelhead fisheries. Even in those rare years when torrential rains blow out nearly every river on the West Coast, we've had terrific, consistent steelhead action in the Trinity.

Both wild and hatchery steelhead in the Trinity average 4 to 8 pounds, with an occasional double-digit fish. They begin showing in good numbers by mid-October. The run remains strong and the escapement builds through February, when multiple hookups are common. That population of Trinity River steelhead is primarily responsible for the fishery's popularity. The numbers of fish at the peak of the run is remarkable and our guided Trinity River clients hook up all season long, and in every imaginable weather situation.

Weather plays an important factor in every winter steelhead fishery, and at 2,000´ elevation the Trinity is no exception. Our guides are concerned only with clarity, and seldom cancel for weather-related issues. They'll fish in the snow, sleet, rain, and hail, without a complaint, and work just as hard on nice, sunny days. Nasty winter days may sound unpleasant, but steelhead often throw caution to the wind in bad weather, and it can supercharge the winter steelhead season.

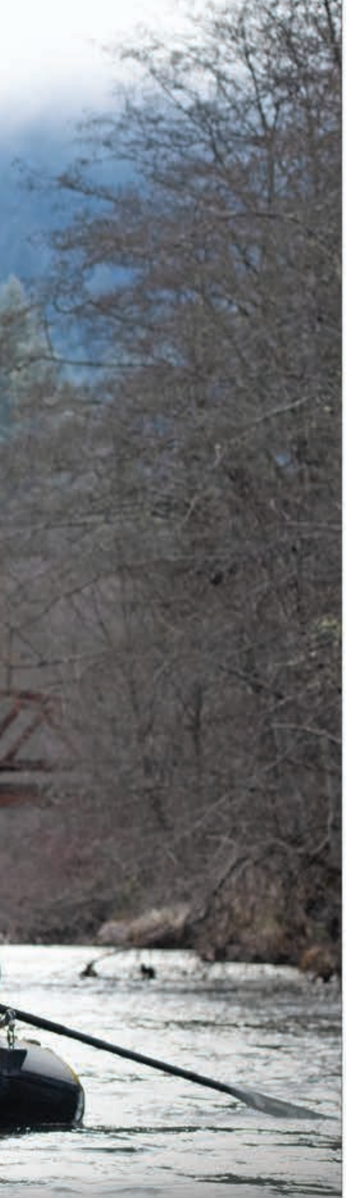
Techniques, of course, vary with the fall and winter conditions. Our guides will swing soft hackles, small streamers, and occasionally use dry flies. It is often technical fishing, requiring some experience and, if there are no objections, our guides will use the fly fishing technique that best connects with a screaming steelhead and leave any whining and angler elitism to others.

The most efficient and effective way to cover the Trinity is by drifting the relatively inaccessible stretches, fishing from the boat or raft, occasionally wading the most productive holding water. It is sometimes a sight fishing experience in the clear current.

The fishing on the Trinity is only about an hour and a half west of Redding, and the peak season often coincides with excellent mid-winter angling on the Lower Sacramento River. Multi-day combination trout & steelhead trips involve very little travel and can be easily coordinated.

Bryan Quick photo

Traditional swung fly techniques are very effective on the Klamath. With the use and popularity of Spey fishing, anglers can cover a lot of water and get lots of grabs.



David Wahlman photo

4 dams on the Klamath River (Iron Gate, Copco 1, Copco 2, and JC Boyle) are currently being removed opening up fish passage to over 400 miles of spawning and rearing habitat

THE KLAMATH RIVER begins in southeastern Oregon's Klamath Basin and slowly meanders through what was once the largest wetland in the America West. Then it crosses the state line and carves its way through Northern California's rugged Siskiyou Mountains. Eventually, after a journey of nearly 200 miles, the Klamath pours into the Pacific Ocean near the village of Klamath Glen, about an hour north of Arcata.

The river was once home to the 3rd largest run of king salmon in America (*behind only the Columbia and Sacramento Rivers*) and has recently been the subject of international headlines highlighting struggles between water issues, dam removal, as well as conflicts between agricultural, native American, and environmental factions.

In a landmark and massive cooperative effort between numerous conservation organizations, Native American tribes, farmers, power companies, and the states of California and Oregon, 4 dams on the Klamath River (*Iron Gate, Copco 1, Copco 2, and JC Boyle*) are currently being removed, opening up fish passage to over 400 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for wild chinook and coho salmon as well as wild steelhead. It's an unprecedented project, well underway, and The Fly Shop® couldn't be happier for the efforts all the stakeholders and organizations took to get this river recovery project to fruition.

Very significant numbers of these aggressive, voracious steelhead (*one or two pound range*) now arrive at the river mouth in June, and by early August, they're stacked up in the first 15 miles above tidewater. As escapement of the half-pounders continues, the fish are joined by adult, summer-run models several times their size. Together they move through the Klamath and Trinity rivers and their tributaries (*the Salmon River, Scott River, and New River*).

The runs are comprised of substantially larger numbers of the half-pounders and our guides report an average of about ten of the smaller fish to each adult.

Jet boats are used primarily for transportation in the lower river from Klamath Glen upstream to Blue Creek (*the first fifteen or so miles*). Drift boats are the ticket farther upstream. And while most conventional tackle guys pull "Hot Shots" from the drift boats, virtually all of the fly fishing on the Klamath is done wading the shallow shoreline.

The flies used are quite small in comparison to other Pacific steelhead fishing and the tackle (*6 and 7-weight single-handed rods, light switch, or Spey outfits*) is comparatively light. The lighter tackle is perfect for the smaller fish, adding to the excitement, and help to change the odds slightly when a big fish is hooked.

Traditional swung fly techniques are very effective on the Klamath. With the use and popularity of Spey fishing, anglers can cover a lot of water and get lots of grabs. Nymphing is very effective for the less mobile anglers who prefer to fish from a boat. And, regardless of method, the Klamath is a great steelhead river with lots of action from aggressive fish.

As hard as we've tried to keep the superb fall fishing that began on the Klamath in 2018 under the radar, the word has spread that the number of half-pounders in the river from Klamath Glen to Happy Camp is showing signs of returning to historic levels. Only the fish are happier than we are. And if one were to try to now encapsulate the difference between the Klamath River and some of the other popular Pacific steelhead rivers it's that there's more fish and less people.

The Fly Shop® has a great team of fly fishing guides and several who specialize on the lower Klamath.

Give us a call and we'll hook you up.

We've been guiding both the Trinity and Klamath Rivers since The Fly Shop® opened our doors in 1978, and built a reputation that keeps people coming back. Our guides' schedules fill quickly and completely for the peak of the winter angling.

We suggest you make reservations as far in advance as possible.

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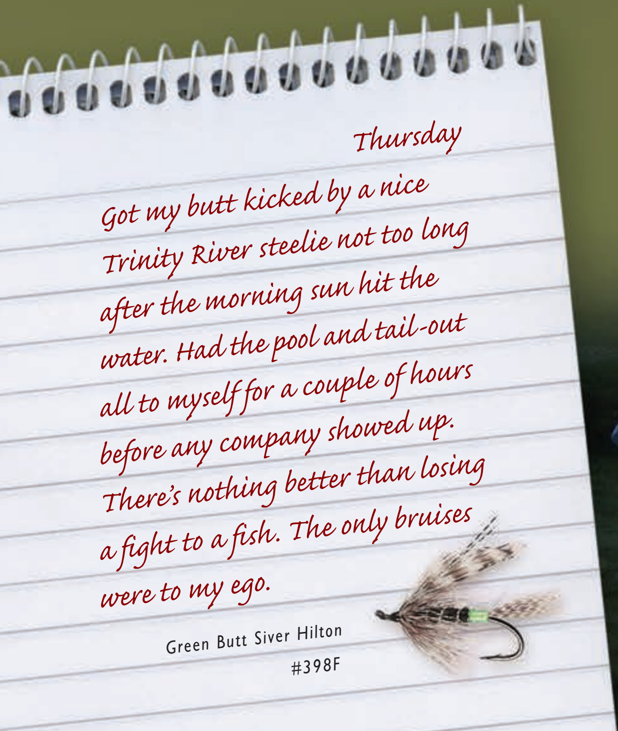

Thursday

Got my butt kicked by a nice Trinity River steelie not too long after the morning sun hit the water. Had the pool and tail-out all to myself for a couple of hours before any company showed up. There's nothing better than losing a fight to a fish. The only bruises were to my ego.

Green Butt Siver Hilton
#398F

—Justin Miler photo

N. California
Trout Fishing

When… *you just want to be alone*

THE FLY SHOP® has a few places here in the shadow of Mount Shasta where you can get together with your family or a few friends and enjoy great fly fishing all by yourselves. Places that have never been open to the public. We've got exclusive access to thirteen miles of small streams, seven miles of the magnificent McCloud, half a dozen great lakes and two fine foothill bass and trout ponds.
All of them without another soul around.
Some of our spots feature fine meals and deluxe accommodations,
while you'll need your sleeping bag at others.

Katie Falkenberg photo

Our Private Waters Concept

In 1984 The Fly Shop® recognized that the demand for angling privacy and quality fishing had far outstripped all but the most remote public resources. Then we did something about it.

WITH THAT IN MIND, we intensified our commitment to protecting existing fisheries, our promotion of catch-and-release regulations, and of the wild trout concept. At the same time, we began looking for private properties where fly rodders might enjoy quality, secluded fly fishing for a modest fee.

Fee fly fishing was not unique in the West when The Fly Shop® began our Private Waters search. The great Yamsi Ranch and Take It Easy Ranch near Chiloquin in Southern Oregon, Arcularius Ranch on the Owens River, and Hot Creek Ranch in the Sierras were all well-established and served as proof of the viability of the concept.

As advocates for public fishing, we decided right away against exploring any private property that had been historically open to the public. We started with just topographical and road maps in hand and spent a big part of the next two decades exploring every possibility within reasonable driving distance of Redding.

Today, we're still on the hunt for great new destinations, only GPS, GoogleEarth, and the Internet have replaced more antiquated mapping systems and made our search more effective.

We've opened up – and continue to discover – some great fly fishing opportunities formerly held captive behind gates, all for what is now considered a modest and reasonable fee.

We focused on a few select lakes and trout streams where we knew owners were interested in protecting, improving, and profiting from their fisheries. Most of our current private fishing destinations have been posted and completely off-limits to the public for generations. Some have been behind locked gates and fences for more than a century, and only Circle 7 Ranch on Fall River shares very limited access with the public.

The Fly Shop's team has been developing our Private Waters concept for nearly forty years. All of our Private Waters are managed exclusively as catch-and-release destinations, and we allow only fly fishing with barbless hooks. The angling pressure is kept intentionally light in order to ensure each guest enjoys as fine a fly fishing experience as possible. In fact, we manage those properties to our own high standards, using common sense, and have found that those guiding principles serve all of our guests well.

If popularity is a good yardstick, then the purchase of Antelope Creek Ranch (*pages 24-25*) and the restoration of that great mountain stream and meadow may be our crowning achievement. It's been a personal triumph for our shop, and the perfect location for our private fishing lodge, and the ideal home for our fly fishing schools and FishCamp.™

The Fly Shop® also manages the historic Bollibokka fishery – one of the most spectacular and famous sections of trout fishing in the American West.

These are swell spots to get together with a few fly fishing friends or family, to disconnect from your normal angling routine, try new water, and make the most of your limited holiday time. We've got something for every angler and budget!

N. California
Rainbow Trout

CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

Fly Fishing those small streams below Lassen, Shasta, and the Salmon-Trinity Alps

Bigger isn't always better!

The excitement generated by a fish slightly larger than average in a fishery that can be stepped across can be every bit as thrilling as an Alaska trophy. Our region is laced with dozens of often-ignored, small streams too numerous to count. Tackle the tiny tributaries of our lakes or the small freestone headwaters or arteries of our rivers with an ultra-lightweight outfit and you've got a recipe for action-packed fly fishing fun.

Battle Creek Canyon Ranch

The perfect place for anglers who thrive on small stream fishing!

THIS RUGGED CANYON is about an hour east of Redding. The secluded ranch features more than six miles of private freestone angling and is full of wild, native browns, rainbows and the occasional steelhead. Battle Creek Canyon was custom-made by Mother Nature for physically fit anglers and is a dream come true for the fly rodder who thrives on small stream fishing action.

This is Ishi country and with the removal of several small hydro projects, Upper Battle has become what many small Sacramento River tributaries once were, a refuge for hard-core anglers and wild trout.

The best fishing in the terraced pools and riffles of this freestone stream begins when the Mount Lassen snow melt subsides. This year we expect fishing and water levels to be awesome by mid-June and phenomenal angling to continue through late summer.

Waders aren't necessary, but stamina is, because the ranch is not a destination for anglers that aren't fit, and can't tolerate exercise or a full measure of trout fishing action and excitement.

- $150 daily trespass fee
- Nearby lodging and campground available

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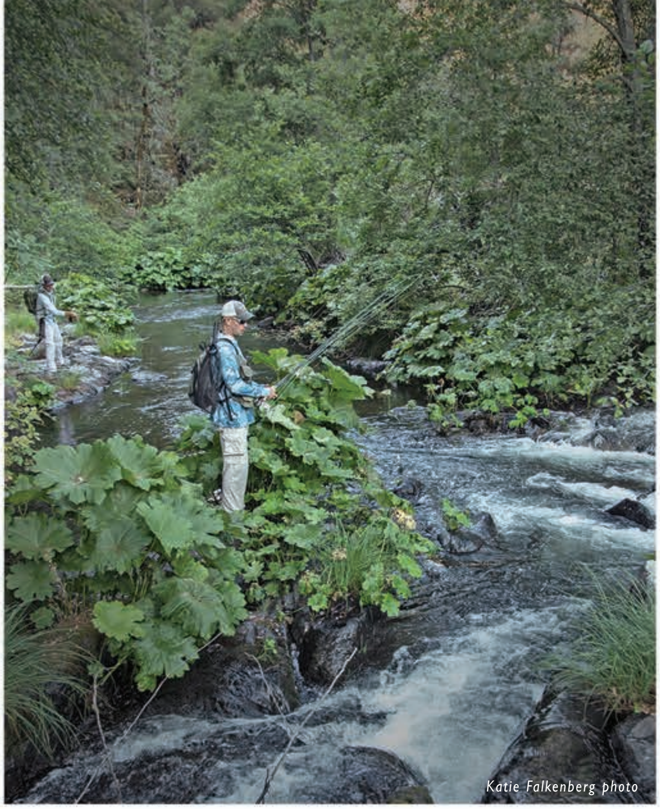

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Kutras Ranch on Clear Creek

Nine miles of classic pocketwater fly fishing with two streamside cabins reserved for only half a dozen total anglers.

THE KUTRAS FAMILY won this ranch in a dice game during the California Gold Rush and its locked gates have kept what is the longest privately-owned stream and the longest free-flowing stream in California off-limits to the public for more than a century. Nearly every inch of this little pocket water gem is fishable and a generation of painstaking stream restoration has made it even better.

The Kutras Ranch on Clear Creek is a top quality fly fishing-only, catch-and-release experience. It's the perfect place for anglers who thrive on small stream fishing and it's hard to believe this private canyon angling is less than an hour west of The Fly Shop® The entire stream offers fine dry fly fishing in pools shaded by a mixture of evergreens and hardwoods.

There are two snug cabins nestled along the creek. Each cabin has access to an exclusive section of Clear Creek reserved for the use of its guests. Each of those sections is "rested" for a couple of days every week to insure a quality experience as well as a sense of privacy.

The Kutras Clear Creek Ranch cabins are fitted with double bunks, propane cook tops, barbecues, flush toilets and hot showers and limited to 2 anglers (*a maximum of 4 total guests*). They're ideal for a couple of guys or a small family and might be well-described as camping out indoors. The lower beat cabin sits close to the stream with decks that hang over the creek and the mid-ranch cabin might be considered a bit more deluxe.

The rugged, uppermost beat has foot access to more than nine additional miles of upstream pocketwater fly fishing for small native rainbows.

All of Clear Creek is full of caddis, small forage fish and a surprisingly large population of unsophisticated and aggressive Clear Creek rainbow trout. A selection of caddis pupa and dries, along with a few small streamers is all that's needed to be successful.

- $205 to $225 per angler, double occupancy packages
- 295 per night single angler.

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Oasis Springs Lodge

Ideal location for a celebration, or a rendezvous with close friends or family

THE LODGE is a luxurious streamside angling retreat tucked deep in Battle Creek Canyon. But there's more to this isolated angling haven than the trout fishing that lies just beyond the threshold. In fact there's something for everyone at Oasis Springs. The well-appointed, 10-guest room lodge is surrounded by a grove of valley oaks with landscaped paths leading to a solar-heated swimming pool, and a lighted tennis court.

The fly fishing for wild rainbows and browns begins only a stone's throw from the front door of the lodge, and small stream enthusiasts will enjoy exclusive access to more than 6 miles of angling in the fish-rich canyon creek.

The gate to this 3,300-acre recreation and angling paradise is near the south entrance of Mt. Lassen National Volcanic Park and only slightly less than a 4-hour drive north of San Francisco.

Majestic oaks dot the landscape around the spacious, eight-bedroom, air-conditioned lodge and shade the solar-heated pool next to a lighted tennis court. An adjoining suite features two additional bedrooms, each with their own baths and small sitting area. Depending on the composition of the group, the lodge can accommodate up to 18 guests.

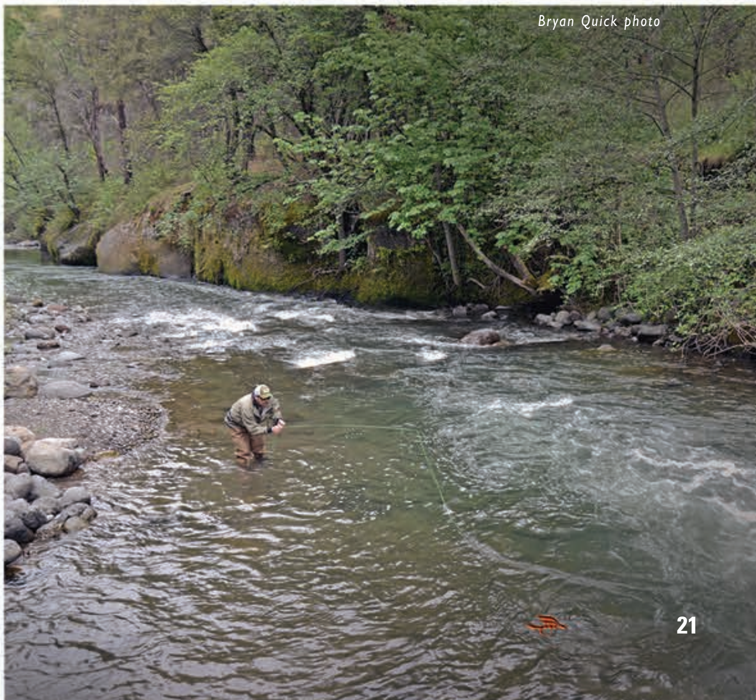
The main room features a lovely living room, fireplace, large dining area, and a well-appointed kitchen capable of the preparation of gourmet meals.

Oasis Springs Lodge is a rare opportunity to reserve your own private fly fishing ranch. It's a great place to fish and spend time with family or friends, build memories, new relationships, reinforce old ones, or to make a plan for your company to take over the world.

OASIS SPRINGS LODGE is available only through The Fly Shop® and only for a few weeks of each summer. Guests enjoy exclusive use of 6 miles of Battle Creek's South Fork. The stream is a productive series of pocket water, deep pools, and riffles. All of it holds fish in every place you would expect.

The lodge is ideal for outdoor-oriented business groups, and families (*no charge for kids under 16*).

- $6,500 per week (*Thurs. through Tues.*) for 8 guests
- 50 per day for additional occupants, up to 18
- A superb chef and custom menu can be arranged
- Please inquire for more detailed information, photos, available dates, and special group options.



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Stillwater Fly Fishing

Redding is surrounded by bass ponds left over from the gold rush and only minutes away from more trout-filled mountain lakes than can be counted

SHADOWED BY VOLCANOES to the north and east, and with only the steep Trinity Divide separating us from the venerable steelhead rivers to the west, it is easy to forget that Redding's elevation is less than 500 feet.

Our home town was a vibrant part of the California Gold Rush. In fact, the second discovery of gold that helped birth the famous California Gold Rush was found on Clear Creek, just a few miles from our shop, by Major Pearson B. Redding. While mining practices for over a century were less than desirable from an ecological standpoint, many of these open pit tailings and quarries have since become phenomenal habitat for largemouth bass and trout.

That mining boom began to slow in the early 1900's, replaced by new logging and hydropower industries which resulted in the creation of a host of even more man-made impoundments ranging in size from massive Lake Shasta to hundreds of smaller, often private, anonymous lakes and reservoirs. Most quickly became home to rainbow trout, brown trout, and even brook and golden trout in higher elevations.

A few of our larger lakes have become world-renowned fisheries like the vast Shasta and Trinity lakes, and the McCloud Reservoir. The Fly Shop® is ideally located at the gateway to some of the best fishing in the west!

While some of these gems, like scenic Lake Manzanita in Lassen Volcanic National Park (*which should be on every stillwater anglers annual angling calendar*) were obvious and accessible, the vast majority of these stillwater venues, from the quiet low-elevation bass ponds to scenic alpine reservoirs, largely remained secret and locked up for nearly a century.

The Fly Shop® has worked hard to arrange lease agreements to a handful of the best regional lakes that were still behind locked gates. Some are one-day fisheries with a simple trespass fee. Others include optional lodging or access to cabins while full-service lodges for anglers and their guests fills a third category. These private ranches range from remote private residences with spectacular back yard fisheries, to rustic alpine cabins on forested mountain lakes, or Central Valley bass and trout lakes within city limits.

Knowledgeable locals, with a diverse group of private stillwater options to choose from, find there's a great lake or pond to fish nearly every day of the year. We've said it before, "Within minutes of our front door, you can be up to our waders in fish."

Marcel Siegle photo

Sugar Creek Ranch

This renowned private stillwater just west of Yreka is cool in the summer and low enough to remain ice-free and fishable all winter

SUGAR CREEK RANCH offers outstanding stillwater trout fishing in an intimate mountain setting, nestled between Etna and Callahan along the banks of the Scott River. The 114-acre ranch is surrounded by the Trinity Alps to the south and Cascades to the east and offers great year 'round trout fishing and an optional, comfortable cabin for overnight accommodations.

Sugar Creek itself winds through the property and, like most of western Siskiyou County, was mined extensively in the mid-1800's. After excavating eight huge quarries of gold-rich gravel, the '49ers dug too deep and broke through the water table. Those exposed cold-water springs flooded the now picturesque ponds with gin-clear water, and the cool, oxygen-rich water created ideal habitat for the large rainbow trout that moved in and call these lakes home.

All of the Sugar Creek lakes and ponds can be fished from shore, though the larger lakes are ideal for float tubes, pontoon boats, or small prams.

Anglers will find that each lake has an individual character. Fishing is very productive, though each lake is diverse and offers its own challenges. Some lakes provide excellent dry fly sight fishing for trophy rainbows, while others might require a sinking line and large streamer presentation.

Sugar Creek trout are wide-bodied, full of fight, and very aggressive. They average from one to three pounds. Occasionally a real monster is hooked and once in a while one is landed. All angling is fly fishing only and strictly catch-and-release. As is always the case, experienced fly fishermen can expect to catch more fish.

Set at 3,000 feet, the ranch remains relatively cool in the summer, and is a pleasant change from the Sacramento Valley heat. The lakes remain ice-free and fishable all winter, and the climate and fishing is simply majestic during the spring and fall.

Sugar Creek is a two-hour drive from Redding and just a little less from Ashland, Oregon. It's a terrific place for small groups of anglers looking to combine great fishing, in an alpine atmosphere, and some peace and quiet.

Sugar Creek Ranch is open to day fishing year round, and also features an optional, spacious, 3-bedroom, fully-furnished cabin. There is a fully-stocked kitchen, reading room and an expansive deck and barbecue. There's plenty of space to relax and room to comfortably accommodate up to 6 anglers, or a close-knit group or family of eight.

- $175 per angler, per day access fee
- Lodging is available with pricing dependent on the group size

Sugar Creek Ranch in Northern California near Yreka was among the first private, fee fisheries to open in the late 90's. Its trophy trout filled lakes are again open to catch-and-release fly fishing for a very modest daily fee.

Luk Lake

Our Rainbow Trout & Largemouth factory! It's a 65-acre foothill lake just an hour south of Redding that's open 365 days of the year

LUK LAKE is an hour south of Redding, near Corning. It is located along Interstate 5 on sovereign, Native American land less than 3 hours from downtown San Francisco, and is the nearest destination anglers from Sacramento or the Bay Area will find.

Luk Lake is a very productive rainbow trout fishery each winter from November through May. Then it morphs into a solid bass fishery in the spring and warmer summer months. For much of the springtime both rainbows and largemouths can be caught using the same topwater and subsurface patterns!

The 65-acre lake is great for float tubers, pontoon boats or anglers who have smaller rowboats, drift boats, canoes. or small prams with electric motors.

Lodging and meals are available at the adjacent Rolling Hills Casino hotel, their RV park or a nearby cabin. Non-anglers can try their luck at the tables or enjoy playing golf at the casino's John Daly Signature Links course.

- $175 per day angler trespass fee
- 105 per half day/angler trespass fee
- Boat rentals available

Rock Creek Lake

ROCK CREEK LAKE is about an hour east of Redding at the transition point between California Valley Oak and the native Ponderosa Pine forest. The lake was built in the 1930's as a water source for a historic lumber mill, fed by a small spring creek, and filled to its spillway with trophy rainbows and a vestige population of wild brown trout. Rock Creek Lake's mid elevation micro-climate translates into pleasant weather most months and action is non-stop from the moment in March when we open the front gate until the snow falls in December.

Anglers wishing to spend more than a day at Rock Creek Lake (*pictured above left*) have the option of a fully furnished, two-bedroom, lakeside cabin with a deck overlooking the fishery.

A fire in the summer of 2012 reduced much of the nearby timber, but left a perimeter of woodland and lush riparian habitat. Aggressive aboriculture quickly re-established the character of the fishery, and the angling is now better than ever.

- $175 per day, per angler, trespass fee
- 295 per night - 2 night minimum for cabin rental *(up to 6 guests)*
  125 Cleaning fee

Rock Creek Lake is a great option to challenge your skills, wits and experience against our wary trophy wild rainbows.

Antelope Creek Ranch

Surrounded by millions of acres of National Forest in the least populated corner of the state, our ranch has the best private trout fishing in Northern California!

ANTELOPE CREEK RANCH, nestled on the quiet, north slope of Mount Shasta, is the jewel in the crown of The Fly Shop's Private Waters.

It is in the center of the nearly 2 million-acre Klamath National Forest, and at 5,000,′ the cool summer breezes from the snow-covered Mount Shasta peak are a pleasant change from the warmth of the Sacramento Valley. Ranch weather is ideal in the spring and mid-summer, and the fall setting is spectacular. The gate to the ranch opens to angling guests from May through mid-October (*or the first snowfall*), and the fishing is excellent all season long.

Fishermen on the ranch have exclusive access to two miles of a picture-perfect, serpentine, meadow stream and two excellent lakes that harbor an incredible population of trophy-sized trout.

It's a great spot to vacation with a few fly fishing friends or your family and enjoy terrific trout fishing in a peaceful and remote outdoor setting. There's more than enough room on the ranch for the small number of anglers allowed to spread out with no concern about competition.

Antelope Creek begins small, bubbling out of the ground on the shoulder of Mount Shasta. By the time it winds its way onto the ranch, it has multiplied in size, and each cutbank and pool is large enough to harbor surprisingly large trout.

Fishing in Antelope Creek and the two ranch lakes is very productive and it improves each and every season.

Arriving ranch guests are provided a complete orientation and fly fishermen are free to set their own schedule. Self-reliant anglers usually revel in the casual, no-pressure, do-it-yourself, approach to fishing the lakes and the stream – though guides can be arranged to help improve the angling or accelerate the learning curve.

Driving time from Redding is less than two hours, all of it on paved freeway, highway and county road. It's a comfortable 4 hour drive from Sacramento, and 5 or 6 hours by car from the San Francisco Bay area.

Toby Nolan photo

Val Atkinson photos

THE RANCH HOUSE is a spacious, beautifully decorated, fully-furnished, 4-bedroom, streamside home, with vaulted ceilings, a huge fireplace, sunken bar, streamside patio, and accommodates a maximum of eight guests.

It is a perfect spot for small groups or family get-togethers with a focus on fly fishing – though The Ranch House capacity may be increased to as many as twenty for small weddings and special occasions by incorporating The Guest Suites (*below*) for an additional fee.

Operated much like a deluxe VRBO, guests can opt to provide and prepare their own meals (*fully furnished kitchen)* or employ a superb, regional chef.

Ranch House guests enjoy exclusive use of the entire Antelope Creek Ranch facilities, the entire stream and both fish-filled trophy lakes.

(*The Guest Suites are not available while the ranch house is occupied*).

- $2,400 per day/night – Minimum three-day/night stay
- Guide Service can be arranged
- Up to 8 anglers

THE GUEST SUITES The owners re-modeled and opened their fully-furnished family and staff ranch apartments to accommodate small groups. These housekeeping packages include accommodations and shared private access to the trout-filled lakes and meadow stream.

The guest suites are very private, well-appointed, and spacious one and two-bedroom apartments. Each deluxe unit has a fully equipped kitchen, Wi-Fi, television, and a choice of queen or double beds. Guests enjoy private patios, gas fireplaces, and communal barbecue areas.

Selection of any combination of the fully furnished, one or two-bedroom suites is perfect for couples, or single anglers and enables guests to tailor the accommodations to match their own group size, while insuring privacy. Angler occupancy on the ranch is limited to a maximum of 8.

(When any of the Guest Suites are occupied, the Ranch House is not avaialble)

- $395 per day/night, per angler
- Minimum three-day/night stay
- $175 per day, per non-angler
- Guide Service can be arranged

Trout fishing in the Rockies

The Rocky Mountains stretch more than 3,000 miles from British Columbia and Alberta in Canada to the south, through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and as far as New Mexico. It's not an exaggeration to say that nearly every fly fisherman in the world looks at the Rockies as our sport's own angling Mecca – deserving of at least one pilgrimage.

French Creek Sportsman's Club photo

IN THE 1999 MOVIE *Bucket List*, Morgan Freeman explained to his co-star Jack Nicholson that one had to have a checklist of places (*and things*) to see and be accomplished before they "kicked the bucket". It was a novel concept that struck a chord with Everyman.

Creating a bucket list can be inspirational. While one may not complete every item on your list, you will likely complete some, and, perhaps, get more out of your life than if you hadn't created the list. They may or may not become the experiences you remember the most in life, but just the exercise of creating that list might change who you are in a positive way.

I'm 78 now, and lived most of what I expect will be my entire life before I saw the *Bucket List* movie. Like many of my friends, I've never gotten around to creating a list of those places I still want to visit and things I need to do. And I'm pretty sure that I wouldn't have time to check all the boxes if I started a list now.

But I knew as a boy that my life wouldn't be complete, and there'd always be something missing if I didn't take the time to wet a line in the Rockies.

Mike Michalak

WHILE MONTANA has a trademark on the term "Big Sky Country," it's a phenomenal skyline that overwhelms the landscape and applies equally to all of the Rocky Mountain territory. Big Sky Country doesn't end at the state line.

At the same time, there's a lot more to British Columbia, Alberta, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and Washington than just great fly fishing.

Add to your holiday experience with exploration of Glacier National Park or the splendor of Yellowstone, the museum in Cody, the farmers market in Missoula or the Stampede in Calgary. For more adventures, head to Hardin to be within easy range of Little Bighorn and the site of Custer's Last Stand.

▲ ***British Columbia's Chilko River*** is astonishingly clear and has some of the finest dry fly fishing in the province.

▲ ***The shallow Old Man River*** near Calgary, Alberta has rainbows that will provide anglers with new definitions of what large and powerful really mean.

▲ ***The Mighty Missouri River*** below Holter Dam is rated by some veteran anglers as the top tailwater in North America.

▲ ***The Bighorn River*** has an average of 3,000 to 4,000 rainbow and browns per mile.

▲ ***The Henry's Fork, Snake, and Teton rivers*** have been favorite fly fishing destinations in the Rockies for more than a century.

▲ ***Floating the South Fork of the Flathead*** in the Bob Marshall Wilderness is only part of the adventure. Getting there on the 30-mile horseback ride is half the fun.

Montana Fly Fishing Lodge

One of the most appealing attributes of Montana Fly Fishing Lodge is its location in a south-central part of the state, far from other fly fishing epicenters. Nestled in the middle of an aspen-studded ranch a short drive from the tiny burg of Absarokee, there is a rural, "old Montana" feeling to the place that is becoming increasingly difficult to find.

THE FISHING IS DONE on a variety of nearby streams and rivers. There are many miles and two forks of Rosebud Creek, a portion of which flow right through the ranch and miles more that wind through adjacent private and public lands. This easily-waded stream is loaded with rainbows and browns that eagerly attack well-presented dry flies, and dry-and-dropper fishing can be ridiculous. Fishing the picture-perfect pools and riffles, it becomes clear that this creek gets very little outside pressure. The Stillwater River – which actually runs anything but "still" – tumbles out of the nearby Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area, and is a lightly touched gem of a floating river far from Montana's more famous fisheries. Here experienced guides float their anglers through an endless procession of pools, pockets and deep runs, pounding the banks with dry flies and probing riffle drops with hopper-dropper rigs. This significant tributary of the Yellowstone is one of the great sleeper fisheries in the state, and a pleasure for both beginner and experienced fly fishers. And for those prospecting for a trophy brown trout, the Yellowstone River is only a short drive away.

While the trout are why you are there, what happens when you return from a day spent on the water solidifies any great fly fishing adventure, and Montana Fly Fishing Lodge has you covered. The Lodge itself is simply beautiful, or for a more authentic and private experience they offer luxury safari-style tent cabins on raised wooden platforms, each with private baths, a true Montana glamping experience. After a memorable day on the water, enjoy a locally-brewed craft beer or a specially selected wine, and let the chef and crew excite your culinary senses with mouth-watering and visually appealing dishes! At Montana Fly Fishing Lodge you can look forward to experiencing uncrowded fly fishing, great lodging, one of a kind meals, and breathtaking scenery.

▲ 4-night/3-day package $4,025
Includes everything but the Montana fishing license, gratuities, and the state's bed tax.

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Madison Double R Ranch

Montana Double R Ranch photos

The "Miracle Mile of the Madison River" is part of the two spectacular miles of river frontage bordered by this historic Montana cattle ranch.

Madison Double R Ranch offers excellent guided fishing on all the area's rivers and streams, as well as luxury accommodations, and a Madison River location that is second to none.

THE SMALL TOWN of Ennis, Montana, calls itself "The trout fishing capital of America". They've got the Madison River flowing through the middle of town, and probably have far more trout than people inside the town limits. The river is arguably the most legendary trout fishery in the world. It has earned its celebrity, and lives up to its billing each and every summer.

A few miles up the road, folks at Double R Ranch certainly aren't going to argue. The Madison is the reason owners John and Krista Sampson chose the site to build their fly fishing lodge in 2018. Using the river as a cornerstone, and with decades of experience in the sport as a foundation, the Sampsons wasted no time in building a stellar reputation of their own.

Every facet of the Double R operation is absolutely first class. Nothing has been overlooked, and every item necessary to ensure a great angling holiday has been built into the package. They'll also provide all the fly fishing gear, flies, and tippet.

Not enough can be said about the luxurious accommodations, the service, or the cuisine. But make no mistake – this is, first and foremost, a fly fishing lodge.

Double R's talented gang of guides focuses on the Madison River from Yellowstone Park all the way to the Missouri, and are within comfortable daily striking distance of the Jefferson, Ruby, Beaverhead, and lower Big Hole.

Guests can add all the after dinner angling they can handle on the lodge's two private miles of property bordering the Madison. It's a sensational stretch that includes "The Miracle Mile of the Madison" and what many veteran anglers feel is the best section of fly fishing found on any river in Montana.

At the end of every busy, action-packed day the fish-tired fly rodders enjoy luxurious accommodations and spectacular, panoramic views of the surrounding mountain ranges from every window in the lodge.

Non-fishing guests, children, and friends can find more than enough to keep them busy with horseback riding at the lodge, nearby golf, and the breathtaking sights in nearby Yellowstone National Park.

▲ 4-night/3-day $5,300 double occupancy

Includes everything but the Montana fishing license, gratuities, and the state's bed tax.

The Fly Shop's Hosted Trips

Hanging with his new friends, The Fly Shop's Chris King, on his hosted trip to the Kingfisher Lodge on the Bighorn River in Montana – Summer 2024.

The host's job isn't to outshine the guests, but to help them shine and have an amazing time.

ONE OF THE BEST ways to discover a new fishery, meet like-minded anglers – and possibly your next fishing buddy – is to join one of our staff on a hosted trip. Hosted trips offer the bonus of having an experienced Fly Shop staff member right there with you every day, running point. Navigating airports, helping rig your rods, early morning casting lessons, working with the lodge staff to fine-tune your daily goals and expectations – they are there to be your advocate every step of the way.

And there are no additional fees or costs associated with a hosted trip with The Fly Shop®

Reasons to go on a Hosted Fly Fishing Trip

Easy Travel

Some destinations – like Alaska, Montana, or Canada – involve simple travel logistics. Others – like Chile, Argentina, Mongolia, or Bolivia – require much more complicated travel arrangements, including charter flights and airport pickups, customs details, overnight stays, visas, etc. When you join The Fly Shop® on a hosted trip, we will be there to help and facilitate all of this for you, both from the office and in the field. We are travel professionals – we do this for a living, so we've seen it all and we can be especially helpful if there are any travel hiccups. The host runs "point" for the group from start to finish. It just makes sense to have a travel professional in your corner making sure every little detail has been addressed and is in order, making for easy and seamless travel.

Gear

When you travel with one of the pros from The Fly Shop®, it often gives you the opportunity to try out some of the newest and best gear on the market. Instead of casting rods on the lawn at your local fly shop, you get the chance to use them on the water, actually fishing. From the latest rods and reels to new fly patterns, leaders, and other terminal tackle, we will have plenty of gear. You'll want to bring your own favorite set up for the trip, but the host will be carrying extras for you to try, if you like. And if your luggage gets lost or you break a rod, no worries, we have you covered with plenty of extra gear.

Instruction

The pros at The Fly Shop® love to share their "in the field" knowledge. All of our hosts have guided, some for many years, and others are still on the water, instructing and showing guests a great time almost every day. We are passionate about sharing our love of fly fishing with others and are patient and sensitive in the manner in which we share it. On hosted trips we will be fishing along with you, sharing our expertise together with the local guides to help put you on fish. You will find that your host from The Fly Shop® is gracious regarding taking shots at fish, and insisting on taking the back seat in the drift boat. And they are always humble at the dinner table.

Red Carpet Treatment

The lodges we represent always roll out the red carpet for every guest of The Fly Shop®, no matter when you go. However, when one of us is on the trip, the carpet is dry cleaned, ironed, and not a fiber is out of place.

Avoid paying the single rate

If you are a single angler who does not have a fishing partner, hosted trips are a great way to avoid paying a premium as a single angler. We will do our best to pair you with another like-minded single angler that you can share your fishing day with. Who knows, you might just meet your next fishing buddy.

Advocacy

We are your advocates, first and foremost. When you're not happy with an aspect of your trip, the host has your back. The host is the conduit between you and the outfitter and will do everything in their power to rectify the situation.

Make New Friends

There is a common thread with anglers on a hosted trip. Your host will have an idea of who to pair up with, based on their relationship with each of the guests on the trip.

Scan this code today.
And, plan on joining
The Fly Shop®
on an upcoming
hosted trip!

Ruby Springs Lodge photos

Ruby Springs Lodge
Sheridan, Montana

Ruby Springs Lodge is a serious fly fishing retreat, and more! Guests have exclusive access to over ten miles of the shallow, easily waded, serpentine Ruby River, several of its tributaries and even a few spring-fed ponds right on the lodge property.

The lodge's guides are full-time, on-staff professionals. Most have been part of the team for years, and all of them know these waters "like rings on their fingers". They're patient, experienced, knowledgeable, and able to match as well with a novice as they are with an expert looking to refine his or her fly fishing skill set.

EXPECT NOTHING BUT THE BEST in accommodations, cuisine and service at Ruby Springs. This is a lodge that's made every effort to create a class by itself. It is set apart (*in part*) by over 10 miles of private access to one of America's finest trout streams.

With the help of a cadre of excellent guides, guests can choose their daily target destination from a nearly unlimited menu of world-class trout fisheries. The choices begin with their own exclusive "home water." But, if that isn't enough, there are several other spring creek and private water leases available to Ruby Springs guests, along with four more of Montana's most famous wild trout fisheries (*the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Jefferson, and Madison*) that are all within very easy striking distance of the mobile guide team.

Ruby Springs Lodge offers 7 different one and two bedroom guest cabins on the bank of a quiet section of their own 10-mile, private stretch of the Ruby River. The well-appointed cabins feature heated flooring, fireplaces, streamside screened porches, and fully-stocked beverage refrigerators. Guest numbers are strictly limited to ensure an intimate, relaxing, and private holiday for everyone.

Ruby Springs guests can custom-tailor their cabin accommodations to match their group size and dynamic. And at the end of the day everyone can either head to the deck, the fire pit, or warm themselves by the fireplace in the tastefully furnished River Room lounge. It's the perfect après angling spot to share the day's fish tales, and enjoy complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres before what is absolutely guaranteed to be a superb meal.

▲ The minimum stay at Ruby Springs is 3 nights, with 2 days fishing. The double occupancy, per person packages include lodging, evening appetizers, delicious meals, complimentary cocktails, craft beer, fine wines, soft drinks and daily guide service. Guides carry delicious box lunches prepared by the lodge, and will provide all the necessary tackle and a complete selection of flies.

	Discovery	*Tobacco*	*Riverside*
7 Nights Lodging/6 Days Fishing	$9,800	$9,450	$9,100
6 Nights Lodging/5 Days Fishing	8,400	8,100	7,800
5 Nights Lodging/4 Days Fishing	7,000	6,750	6,500
4 Nights Lodging/3 Days Fishing	5,600	5,400	5,200
3 Nights Lodging/2 Days Fishing	4,200	4,050	3,900

▲ The non-angling rate is $750 per night, per person (*double occupancy*)

▲ Options include $300 per night, single cabin occupancy.

▲ Non-angling activities
(*golf, horseback trail rides, yoga, massage, and more*)

Scan this code for video on Ruby Springs Lodge

Missouri River Lodge

The Missouri River is home to one of the most abundant brown and rainbow trout populations in the American West. Fish numbers are impressive and the overall average size is exceptional! The 40-mile stretch from Holter Dam to Cascade is home to 3,500 - 5,500 big trout per river mile. It's great water, and nobody does a better job on the Mighty MO than Missouri River Lodge.

THE MISSOURI RIVER LODGE in Central Montana is a family owned, class act that's been connecting their fishermen with trophy-sized trout, treating them to swell accommodations and cuisine, spoiling them with red carpet treatment, and putting smiles on their faces for over 2 decades.

Joe and Lindsey Bloomquist offer a wonderful version of Montana hospitality to a maximum of a dozen guests in their two-story, traditional, rustic log lodge. Visitors can spread out and relax on the queen-sized beds and spacious sitting areas in each of the seven bedrooms.

Fishermen usually start early on the Missouri. Anglers at the lodge get up with the birds and are treated to a hearty breakfast. After meeting the guides, they're locked, loaded, and on the water by 8 in the morning. Missouri River Lodge guests don't have far to travel and there's little time wasted every day trailering and launching boats.

The nearby, 40-mile long tailwater looks and fishes like a giant spring creek. It has a dozen different, rewarding drift boat beats, a season-long procession of mayfly and caddis hatches, and some of the best dry fly fishing in the American West.

Early season surface action begins in mid-April with hatches of blue winged olives that occasionally carpet the river. A variety of reliable mayfly and caddis hatches keep most of Missouri River Lodge clients' fly rods bent double all summer, until fall when trout begin to focus on an annual cloud of hoppers. And there's always productive nymph and streamer fishing.

The Bloomquists offer terrific fishing and a fine-tuned, dialed-in approach to this ultra-productive fishery.

▲ Minimum stay at Missouri River Lodge is 3 nights, with 2 full days of fishing. Packages include lodging, evening appetizers, delicious family-style meals, healthy box lunches, non-alcoholic beverages, flies, and daily expert guide service on the nearby Missouri River below Holter Dam.

	Single/person	*Double/person*
3 Night Lodging/2 Day Fishing	$4,800	$2,400
4 Night Lodging/3 Day Fishing	6,400	3,200
5 Night Lodging/4 Day Fishing	8,000	4,000
6 Night Lodging/5 Day Fishing	9,600	4,800

▲ Missouri River Lodge guides carry superb box lunches prepared by the lodge, and provide the necessary tackle and a complete selection of flies.

▲ Options include single lodge occupancy, and private guide rates that are affordable and a great value for the single angler.

▲ Jetboat trips to "Land of the Giants" on the upper Missouri and guided wade trips to the more distant Blackfoot River, Sun River, and Dearborn can be arranged for an additional $100 per person, per day. And worth every cent!

Landon Mayer photo

On DeMark Lodge

On DeMark Lodge, located near the Missouri River in central Montana, is a family-run operation with a lot of heart, attention to detail, and commitment to taking care of folks. Those ingredients fused with the Missouri River, one of the finest trout fisheries in all Montana, make for a winning combination.

THE MISSOURI RIVER is home to one of the most abundant brown and rainbow trout populations in the United States. The 40-mile stretch from Holter Dam to Cascade is home to 3,500 - 5,500 trout per mile. Not only are the numbers of fish impressive and the overall average size exceptional, these fish are girthy for their length and some of the hottest trout in Montana. With 11 different boat launch sites, there are plenty of options for different floats to keep you busy for a few days or a week of fishing.

When you first step in On DeMark Lodge, you can tell this is a fishing-family operation with a strong desire to share their passion of fly fishing and the Montana way of life with guests. The DeMark family are fly fishing tacticians who have been guiding and outfitting anglers in Montana for years. Their lodge, within easy striking distance of the Mighty MO, purposely accommodates only six anglers maximum at one time so that each guest receives their undivided attention. Mark and his two sons, Miller and Warren, are savvy guides and bring a highly sophisticated angling approach to their days on the waters. Becky takes care of the lodge and serves up delicious home-cooked meals and prepares some of the best fishing lunches we have ever had.

3 Night/2 Day Fishing	$1,950
4 Night/3 Day Fishing	2,600
5 Night/4 Day Fishing	3,250
6 Night/5 Day Fishing	3,900

Non-Angling Nightly Rate: $350 per person double occupancy

- The angling packages at On DeMark are very affordable and a great value considering they supply all the terminal tackle, flies, leaders and tippet.
- Accommodating only six anglers at a time, On DeMark Lodge is a great opportunity for small groups of fishing buddies or families looking to get together for a private fly fishing retreat.

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Kingfisher Lodge

Kingfisher Lodge has been making fishing vacation dreams come true on the Bighorn River for three decades. This is one of the most fish-rich trout rivers on the face of the Earth and it's questionable whether the fabulous tailwater fishery, or the lodge is more famous!

THE BIGHORN RIVER is home to one of the most renowned tailwater fisheries for brown and rainbow trout fisheries in the United States. The river consistently has proven fish counts of around 3,000 - 4,000 trout per mile that average an astonishing 14˝ to 18˝ and trophy fish well over two feet long are commonplace.

The main event for Kingfisher Lodge guides are drift trips below Afterbay Dam on the Bighorn River where the tailwater runs clear and clean all year long.

It's an extremely productive tailwater fishery that's similar in some ways to The Fly Shop's own Lower Sacramento.

The most popular months on the Bighorn are from May through October. Some of the river's best, and most consistently reliable trout fishing each season happens mid-summer, during June and July, when snowmelt, runoff, and high irrigation flows plague many of the other rivers in Montana and Alberta.

Testimony to the quality of both Kingfisher Lodge and the consistency of the fishery is the difficulty there is in getting reservations during any part of the year 'round Bighorn season.

The Lang family own and operate Kingfisher Lodge. Every facet of the operation has their fingerprints and reflects the commitment the two of them have to ensuring their guests' stays are comfortable and memorable.

It's evident to everyone, after even a brief visit, that the Lang's brand of hospitality is sincere. With the help of their attentive staff, and the Kingfisher's talented team of expert, fly-savvy guides they know how to transform a good trip and a swell fishing holiday into a great one.

The lodge itself is cozy, well-kept, and accommodates a maximum of 16 guests in 8 spacious rooms, all with private baths, and terrific views. Not enough compliments can be given to the kitchen and well-balanced cuisine.

The Fly Shop® staff can't applaud Kingfisher Lodge more vigorously and give the place 4 stars for its great fishing, hard-working guides, excellent lodge staff and may rate as the best fly fishing value in the rockies

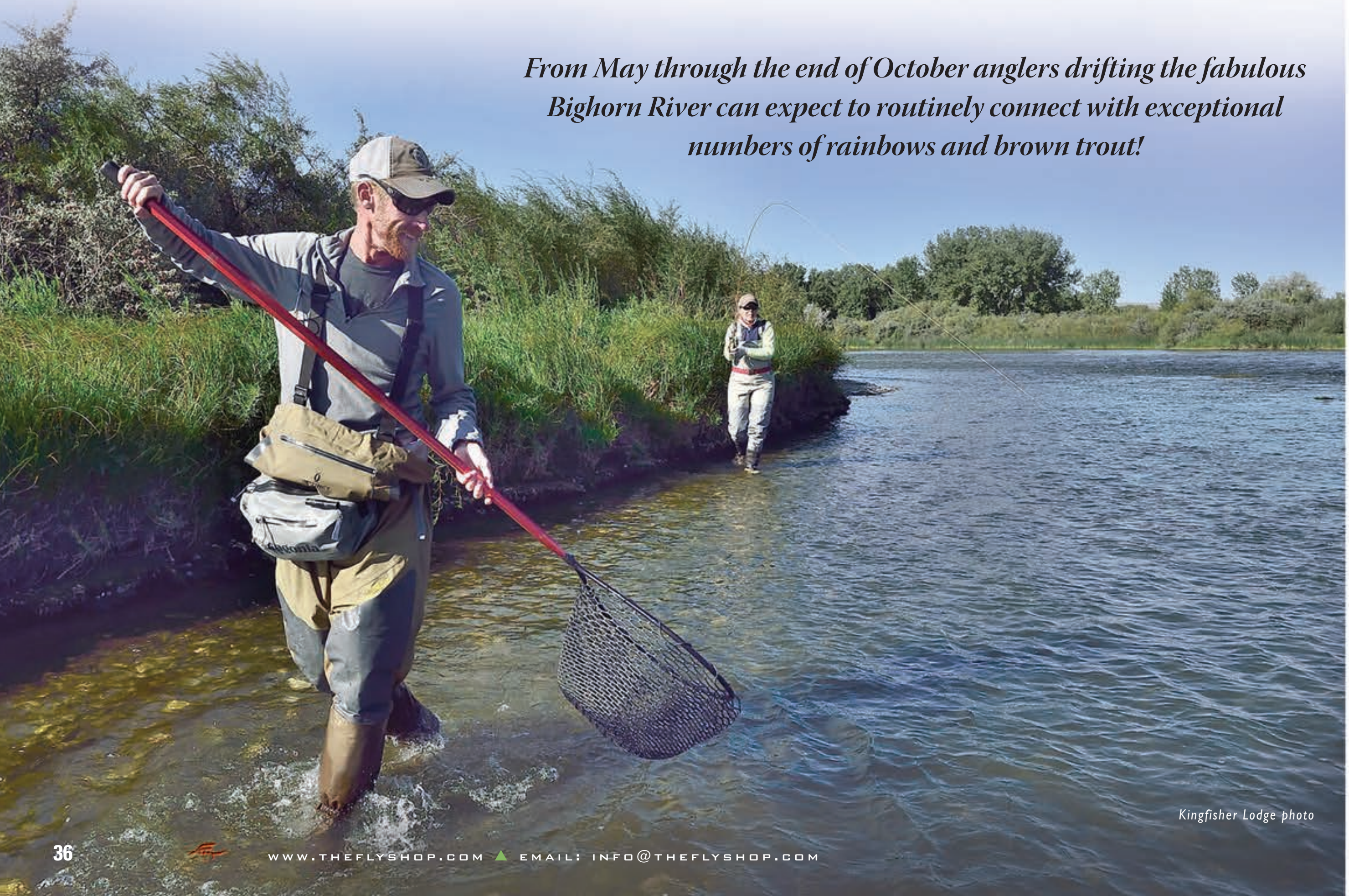
▲ The minimum stay at Kingfisher Lodge is 2 nights, with one full day of guided fishing. Packages can be tailored to any length. They include lodging, appetizers, fine meals, non-alcoholic beverages, and daily guide service.

2 Night/1 Day guided	$835	5 Night/4 Day guided	$2,515
3 Night/2 Day guided	1,395	6 Night/5 Day guided	3,000
4 Night/3 Day guided	1,995	7 Night/6 Day guided	3,500

▲ Kingfisher Lodge guides bring along the boat lunches prepared by the lodge, and provide the rods, terminal tackle, and a complete selection of flies.

▲ Options include single lodge occupancy, and private guides

The Bighorn tailwater is one of the most reliable and productive fisheries in America



From May through the end of October anglers drifting the fabulous Bighorn River can expect to routinely connect with exceptional numbers of rainbows and brown trout!

Kingfisher Lodge photo

Missoula River Lodge

Hundreds of miles of prime Montana trout water to fish – this is dry fly paradise

MISSOULA RIVER LODGE is perfectly located and within easy striking distance to float and explore hundreds of miles of prime Montana trout water. The guides focus on the Clarks Fork, Bitterroot and Blackfoot Rivers as well as early season floats on Rock Creek. Whether you are taking a jet boat on the Clarks Fork below the lodge and sight fishing to pods of wary rainbows sipping tiny Tricos on light tippet or rafting down the Blackfoot River tossing hopper/droppers to the bank, the guides are keyed in on the hatches and will put you on fish. This is dry fly paradise!

Missoula River Lodge offers unique lodging options across their one hundred-acre riverfront property, each with its own distinct advantages. The River Front is for those looking for a more private setting away from the main lodge, while The Trout Bluff is perfect for a group of good buddies or a big family looking to spend time together and have an entire facility to themselves. All the lodging offers an intimate and private experience right on the banks of the Clark Fork River. Most anglers are able to secure single rooms with a shared bathroom at no extra cost.

I am not sure how they got Chef Carrie, but you will reap the benefits. Voted in the top 100 chefs in America by the Washington Post, her dishes are fluid and follow the seasons in the Missoula Valley as local produce is harvested. She'll serve up favorite protein dishes from a local butcher such as bison, elk, Angus beef, lamb and poultry, as well as treating guests to traditional Vietnamese cuisine once a week. Carrie's food is simply above and beyond.

4 Night/3 Day guided	$2,875 per person
5 Night/4 Day guided	3,515 per person
6 Night/5 Day guided	4,050 per person

▲ $250 extra per guide day single angler fee added for solo anglers on all-inclusive packages.

There isn't much you need to bring as all trips include transportation to/from the Missoula airport, transportation and guided fly fishing for float/wade fishing, dining with their nationally recognized chef, hot shore lunches or special pack lunches, happy hour appetizers, beer and wine and non-alcoholic beverages, daily housekeeping service, all rods, reels, flies, leaders, and tippet.

You just need to get to Missoula, MT, purchase your fishing license, and have fun!

▲ The trout season runs from mid-June well into October.

Joe Cummings photos

Spotted Bear Ranch

Spotted Bear Ranch photo

This six day fly fishing adventure takes place in the heart of one of the best Cutthroat and Bull trout rivers in the United States.

THE FIRST TWO DAYS of this journey to the upper reaches of the South Fork of the Flathead River are spent on horseback. It's a long but beautiful trail ride, and the afternoons are filled with fishing, camp-food, fun and evening gazing up at more stars than one can imagine.

But don't worry. The pack string of mules traveling into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness with the guests is bringing "everything but the kitchen sink" and has every piece of modern wilderness camping equipment necessary to ensure that guests are kept warm, dry, comfortable, and well-fed.

The isolated starting line for the float portion of the trip begins near the center of this million-acre national treasure and from that point slices through a dense, old-growth forest. The Flathead River offers miles of sometimes sensational streamer fishing for large bull trout in June and July, and very consistent dry fly fishing for wild cutthroats all season long.

The downstream raft voyage is truly a one-of-a-kind wilderness holiday. The Forest Service permits very few commercial operations in "The Bob," and few others besides Spotted Bear Ranch specialize in similar wilderness area fly fishing float trips.

The Flathead River's huge population of unsophisticated cutthroat trout leaves little in the way of success to chance. It's seldom that anglers resort to anything other than high-floating dry fly patterns.

The appropriate, well-mannered, and sure-footed horses are selected from the Spotted Bear Ranch remuda according to each guest's size, age, and riding experience. But plan ahead. These popular pack trips are limited to 4-6 anglers and only operate during the eight warmest weeks of the high country summer.

▲ 5 night/6 day Bob Marshall Wilderness Float Trips $7,000

Most guests choose to stay at the lodge before and/or after their wilderness adventure for an additional $550/night

SPOTTED BEAR RANCH also offers great lodge-based fishing options in one of their six rustic but very comfortable guest cabins. The most popular options are 3-5 days and will give you access to floating 17 miles of the South Fork of the Flathead just above Hungry Horse Reservoir, as well as many miles of walk and wade streams surrounding the lodge. Spotted Bear Ranch visitors can look forward to a casual atmosphere and a relaxing stay on the edge of the expansive Bob Marshall Wilderness – a taste of the wilderness with the comforts of the lodge and chef prepared meals. Most anglers can get single rooms that share a bathroom at no extra cost. Spotted Bear Ranch is a wonderful family destination to disconnect and get away from it all and create memories that will last a lifetime.

▲ 4 night/3 day $3,925/person

▲ 5 night/4 day 5,050/person

▲ Packages include very comfortable, modern-equipped camps or lodging in cabins, daily guides for each two anglers, all fly fishing gear needed, delicious meals and beer and wine with dinner. Not included are transportation from Kalispell, Montana, fishing licenses, gratuities and any additional alcoholic beverages.

Teton Valley Lodge

Headquartered just outside of Driggs, Idaho, the Berry family lodge has been outfitting fly rodders on the Henry's Fork, South Fork of the Snake, and Teton River for more than a century.

Teton Valley Lodge photos

IT IS THE OLDEST continuously operating lodge west of the Mississippi and, with 100-plus years of experience at their service, and 35 different floats on three of the most famous rivers in North America at their disposal, every Teton Valley Lodge guest can plan on having an absolutely first-class fly fishing holiday.

Beyond a wonderful experience, most fly fishing guests return to Teton Valley Lodge like San Juan Capistrano swallows each season because there are years of angling opportunities to be found there, and hundreds of exciting river miles within easy striking distance of the first-class accommodations and five-star dining.

There are other lodges with equally superb locations in the Rockies, but none that are better. In fact, the most difficult decision guests face each morning is whether they should trailer with one of Teton Valley Lodge's expert guides to another of the nearby target rivers, begin in the blue-ribbon home water a stone's throw from their well-appointed cabin, or end the day at their Teton Valley Lodge riverside location. Frankly, there's no bad choice in the puzzle.

Guests enjoy tastefully furnished, private or double occupancy one, two, or three-bedroom cabins tailored to each group size. Every cabin has a wonderful view of the river and the majestic Teton mountain range from a private deck, and a mini-bar stocked daily with complimentary beer, soda, and coffee.

The central lodge, bar and lounge has a casual, après-angling atmosphere and a well-deserved reputation for exceptional dining.

Teton Valley Lodge is equidistant from Jackson Hole and Idaho Falls. Shuttle and rental cars are available, but with an action-packed daily fishing schedule, there's little need for a vehicle after arrival.

Many of the Teton Valley Lodge guides have been part of the staff for decades. Most are considered true experts in a part of the world where expert status isn't gained easily.

Testimony to the quality of Teton Valley Lodge's operation is that most guests return year after year, and are welcomed back as part of their extended family by folks who have a stellar reputation for accommodations, food, guides, and service.

The Fly Shop® staff couldn't recommend Teton Valley Lodge more highly and we suggest that, if you are interested, you should make your reservations as early as possible.

▲ 6 night/5 day, double occupancy package $5,003/person - tax included
Shorter or longer trips are available

Henry's Fork Lodge

Henry's Fork Lodge has only six en suite guest rooms, two with oversized fireplaces and spectacular views of the Henry's Fork. There are eight adjacent one, two or three-bedroom cottages. All have sitting rooms, fireplaces, separate bedrooms, and majestic views of the river.

Henry's Fork Lodge rates among the absolute top echelon with regards to location, amenities, cuisine, and service. The legendary Henry's Fork of the Snake, their "home water", was selected as the #1 river among the top 100 streams in America by Trout Unlimited. The guests at this splendid lodge are only an arm's length away from some of the most famous fly fishing on the continent.

One of the most classic stretches of fishing water in our sport, the Railroad Ranch, is less than two miles upstream, and the renowned Box Canyon stretch is only ten miles distant.

YOU CAN EXPECT WORLD-CLASS accommodations to go hand-in-hand with the nearby world-class fishing at Henry's Fork Lodge. In fact, it is one of only three fishing lodges in the world included in the *New York Times* bestseller, "*1000 Places to See Before You Die*."

The magnificent timber-framed structure, specifically designed for anglers, was the brainchild of our friend, Nelson Ishiyama. His personal passion for fly fishing ensures that the lodge focus extends beyond the threshold and the bank of the Henry's Fork to the other superb regional angling, recreation and nat'l parklands. The Henry's Fork Lodge dining room is renowned throughout the region for gourmet cuisine. Each superb meal is a treasure of locally sourced ingredients creatively melded into a memorable culinary experience and the picnic and box lunches packed for the fishing and excursions are incomparable.

Patrons can select from an elite list of independent guides or take advantage of the lodge's preferential relationship with multiple local guide staff. Self-reliant anglers may choose private transportation and self-guided excursions to the nearby Madison, Yellowstone, Teton, Gallatin, or South Fork of the Snake.

Guests can tailor their Henry's Fork Lodge holiday to include as many fishing days as they want or instead target a long, nearly unlimited list of outdoor opportunities with their friends or family. And at the end of the day everyone will find the lodge is the perfect place to unwind. The warmth of the fireplace, the tasteful cozy furnishings, shared fish tales, cocktails, wine and hors d'oeuvres in the casual lounge, and the expansive riverside porch combine to set the tone for a terrific holiday.

The Fly Shop simply can't recommend the Henry's Fork Lodge more highly!

▲ 4-night/3-day (*lodging only*) $2,880 and 7-night/6-day packages $4,536
Stays can be tailored for as few as 3 nights to as many as requested.

▲ Packages include complimentary shuttle service to the Idaho Falls airport (*about an hour away*), lodging and all meals as well as evening appetizers, pre-dinner beer & wine, and soft drinks.

▲ Options include deluxe suites, and the wine and alcohol consumed beyond the aprés angling cocktail hour.

▲ The top guides in the region consider it a privilege to work with Henry's Fork Lodge guests, and look forward to sharing their superb box lunches.

▲ Daily guide rate ranges from $695 to $845/day

Henry's Fork Lodge photo

Black Canyon Anglers

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison River is Colorado's version of the Grand Canyon, and full of big hungry brown and rainbow trout. Located just below the nearly inaccessible Black Canyon National Park, the steep-walled Gunnison Gorge is recognized as one of the top fly fishing adventures in the Lower 48.

BLACK CANYON ANGLERS is known as the most experienced outfitter operating in the Gunnison Gorge Section of the Black Canyon, and offers the only fishing lodge on the lower Gunnison River. They have been running these trips since 1985, so they know the river, ensuring you are safe and catching lots of fish. Along the wilderness river journey you will experience breathtaking scenery highlighted by unique geologic formations, 4,000-year-old petroglyphs, wildlife sightings of mule deer, bighorn sheep, river otters, many birds, and of course amazing fly fishing. With several Class III and numerous class II rapids throughout the course of the float, this is not a sleepy drift trip – it is a white water rush that is sure to ignite all of the senses. The Gunnison River has been carving into these black granite and red sandstone rocks for nearly 2 million years to create an amazing and diverse landscape of steep canyon walls, rugged badlands, and pinyon and juniper-covered slopes. Float fishing extends from mid-May through the beginning of October and fishes well throughout the entire season. The Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife regularly conducts fish shocking surveys, and with consistent counts of over 8,000 fish per river mile you will have to toggle back and forth between enjoying the amazing scenery and landing dozens of trout each day. You can float this 14-mile stretch in 1, 2 or 3 days…we recommend the 3-day trip so you can spend time out of the boat, wading and exploring the water more intimately. After a couple of nights camping under the stars along the river, there is no better way to wind down the trip than relaxing with an ice-cold beverage before diving into a 3-course gourmet dinner and spending the night in a soft bed at Gunnison River Farms. This family-run lodge provides farm-to-table fare and comfortable, cozy accommodations on a meticulously landscaped working peach orchard. If you are looking for a once-in-a-lifetime fly fishing float trip, this should be at the top of your list. It will not disappoint.

▲ 1 Day Float $1,800/Boat (*2 anglers*)
2 Day Float 3,500/Boat (*2 anglers*)
2 Day Float 4,500/Boat (*2 anglers*)
▲ Optional lodging before and after Float $250/person/night

Black Canyon Anglers photo

Taylor River Lodge

Eleven/Taylor River Lodge photo

The Taylor River Lodge mission is to provide the ultimate Colorado fly fishing experience. Guests agree it's accomplished every day of the Centennial State's summer with a first-class combination of luxury accommodations, wonderful cuisine, genuine tender loving care, and a collection of one of the most talented guide service teams in the Rockies.

FROM THE FIRST moment in spring when winter releases its icy grip on Colorado until the snow begins to fall in October, there's no better place for any serious or aspiring fly fisherman to be than Gunnison County, and no better place to plan an angling holiday in that part of the world than Taylor River Lodge. This angling paradise has it all.

The quality of the accommodations leave no room for exaggeration. Guests choose from a selection of two large, beautifully-appointed log homes and six elegant log cabins, with spacious sitting rooms, in-room minibars (*stocked daily with complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages*), screened porches, and magnificent views framed by Colorado's clear blue sky, emerald green pine trees, and colorful granite mountains on the horizon.

Taylor's highly-trained guide staff help make the entire experience. Their mission is to assess each angler's goals and comfort level and then customize every day's adventure in an effort to make each one a "best-day-ever" experience.

Taylor River's experienced guides focus first on their home water, a several-mile stretch of semi-private river on the ranch that flows right through the lodge's backyard. Anglers can expect to encounter complete solitude, and to connect with aggressive, naive, wild trout.

Guides then turn their attention to the nearby Gunnison River and target rainbow and brown trout using top-of-the-line drift boats.

The warm, inviting, log lodge has few equals in the world of flyfishing. There's a popular, casual lounge to rendezvous with friends or make new ones, and an experienced bartender on hand to craft and serve cocktails and listen to fish stories.

Every night is a different dining experience at the lodge, with memorable, custom dishes and mouth-watering desserts created by a talented culinary team. Their delicious box lunches are daily highlights in the field.

True to their mission, Taylor River Lodge has shaped a rewarding experience for every level of visiting fly fisherman, and molded an ideal holiday destination for discriminating travelers.

▲ The minimum stay at Taylor River Lodge is 3 nights, with 2 days of fishing. Packages can be tailored to any length. The all-inclusive packages cover lodging, chef-prepared breakfast, lunch, après and dinner, expert daily guiding and all gear (*rods, reels, leaders, tippet, flies, waders, boots*), as well as round trip airport transfers from Gunnison.

▲ Rates vary according to the accommodations selected and size of the group, but prices start at approximately $1,125 per night, plus gratuities, Colorado State fishing licenses, and local room tax.

The Darwin Ranch

This 122-year-old homestead in the Gros Ventre Mountains of west-central Wyoming may be the best kept secret in the Rocky Mountains. The Darwin Ranch is off-the-grid, off-the-radar and offers a unique Rocky Mountain wilderness experience that is hard to find these days.

THE VENERABLE, family-owned and operated Darwin Ranch, outside of Cora, Wyoming, south of Jackson, is the most remote guest ranch in the lower 48 and borders both the Gros Ventre Wilderness and 2.5 million acres of Bridger Teton National Forest.

The ranch provides private access to the pristine Upper Gros Ventre River, which is protected by Wyoming's Wild & Scenic Designation with endless miles of walk and wade fishing for native Snake River fine-spotted cutthroat trout alongside the native Rocky Mountain whitefish. Fantastic and unimpacted fishing is just out the doorstep of the lodge, and day-trips to high mountain lakes and rivers by foot or by horseback can be easily arranged.

World-class angling is what gets our juices flowing. However, the ranch's location is also the perfect venue for non-angling activities such as hiking in the Gros Ventre Range, exploring peaks, glacial lakes, and alpine meadows, horseback riding from easy jaunts to challenging mountain riding, recreational floats on the river… even overnight wilderness camping at one of the ranch's comfortable and fully-supported tent-camps at the edge of a large meadow beside a towering waterfall.

Guests at the Darwin Ranch enjoy intimate, wilderness lodging in hand-built log cabins whose modern style blends tastefully into the grain of 100-year-old structures, with cozy beds, crisp sheets & down pillows, wood-burning stoves for chilly nights, private baths, and ranch-generated electricity. The free-standing log cabins making up the lodge complex offer a variety of lodging options for pairs of anglers, corporate groups and families.

The farm-to-table culinary philosophy at the Darwin Ranch reflects the family's commitment to sustainable ranching and farming, taking advantage of Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's culinary offerings. The majority of their meat and vegetables come from Darwin's sister ranch, Ishawooa Mesa Ranch, located in the dramatic landscape outside of Cody, Wyoming, where they raise beef and lamb and pork following sustainable, integrated agricultural practices. Food that isn't supplied by Ishawooa (*by bush plane*) is sourced from farms and businesses in Park, Teton, and Sublette Counties. Menus are healthy, made from scratch, vegetable-forward, varied, and casual – and reflect the bounty of the summer season.

The Darwin Ranch is perfect for anglers and adventurers looking for a unique guest ranch experience in the wilds of Wyoming.

▲ Six-night weeks, Sunday to Saturday – For pricing give us a call today!

Season: Late June to late September

The Darwin Ranch - Della Fredrickson photo

Black Bear Lodge on the Columbia River

The Upper Columbia, just south of Canada's border, is a massive, broad, and clear tailwater. It's more like an enormous spring creek than a giant river. And it's full of a large, powerful strain of rainbows whose ancestry traces to the steelhead trapped above the dams built downstream in the Columbia basin as far back as 1942. Judging from the way they fight, they're still angry.

THE STRETCH OF river Black Bear Lodge guides focus on is only about 14 miles long, but that short, rock-bottomed section of the Columbia produces some super-strong, powerful, double XL rainbow trout. These broad-shouldered fish are one of the better kept fly fishing secrets in the Lower 48, and there's no more comfortable, successful, or easier way to fish this corner of the American West than with the folks at Black Bear Lodge.

Black Bear Lodge is located on the shoreline of the Columbia River on the outskirts of a small Washington State village, just a few miles from an isolated Canadian Border wilderness checkpoint, and right next to the angling action. If the lodge was any closer to the river and the fishing, it would be wet.

The most popular windows of the season are from the late spring through mid-summer (*when the Columbia mega-trout are looking to the surface, keying on massive hatches of Green Drakes and caddis*), and again in the fall, when depending on water and weather conditions the fish can be targeted with a combination of dries, nymphs and streamers. Especially considering the average size of these rainbows, when they are up feeding on hatches the Columbia might be considered one of the finest trophy trout dry fly fisheries in the Pacific Northwest.

Anglers should have to have an EKG before watching such large trout rise in a surface feeding frenzy, and may require oxygen after connecting with a few of these tackle-busting trout in heavy river current. Say hello to the backing on your reel that seldom sees daylight, and prepare to get your butt kicked by the Upper Columbia River wild rainbow trout that are often just too big and too tough to be caught.

Guests spend their after-angling evenings in a very unpretentious lodge with a professional host, and fish with guides who are willing to build the fishing schedule around hatches and trout fishing activity.

▲ Packages include comfortable lodging, hearty, family-style meals, boat lunches, expert daily guide service, all the flies, and all fly fishing tackle (*if needed*).

▲ ***Spring, Summer, and Fall dates through mid-October***
4 Night/3 Day $2,235

▲ ***Mid-Summer Hatch June 15 to July 10***
3 Night/3 Day $2,085 *Limited to 6 anglers*

▲ Longer trips are available

Visit this link for Black Bear Lodge video:
https-//www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHEv1Ltgh2g.webloc or scan this code

Black Bear Lodge photo

White River Trout Club

No longer do you have to venture to the end of the earth to catch the largest brown trout in the world. The White River in Northern Arkansas produces brown trout that are measured in pounds not inches.

THE WHITE RIVER in northern Arkansas is home to some of the largest brown trout in North America. With sizes occasionally comparable to the giant sea-run brown trout of Tierra Del Fuego, fish have been landed up to 40 pounds with plenty of 24″+ fish swimming in the river. Fish of this caliber have helped put this tailwater fishery on the angling map. The 100-mile stretch of water below Bull Shoals Dam is prime trout habitat; consistent cold water and a constant food source allows these fish to grow fast, all year long. Although most anglers come to land a trophy brown, the rainbow trout are getting bigger every year and there are cutthroat and brook trout to add variety to the angling day.

The White River Trout Club is one of the few all-inclusive lodges in the area and these guys have redefined the lodge experience. Perfectly situated eight miles below the dam, their over the top service, experienced guides, and modern/comfortable accommodations are what make this place special.

Located right on the river, accommodations range from a variety of riverfront cabins and the "Horseshoe," consisting of ten individual units of various sizes under one roof, connected by a covered walkway. Additional amenities include the Pavilion – an indoor/outdoor gathering space with billiards and shuffleboard tables, and a fireplace – as well as a bar and dining room, conference building, a full fly shop, swimming pool, boat dock, and private boat ramp. The six-acre property boasts plenty of riverside green space complete with fire pits, outdoor lounge areas, a basketball court, and an event lawn and patios – all situated under a canopy of massive hardwood trees. This is an ideal getaway for hardcore fly fishermen seeking a best-in-show brown trout fishery, outdoor enthusiasts, or those looking to host private events for groups and families.

- 3 Night/2 Day $1,950/person
- 4 Night/3 Day 2,750/person
- 5 Night/4 Day 3,450/person

Based on Private Room / Shared Guide

White River Trout Club photos

Trout Fishing in Canada's Western Provinces

These Canadian destinations offer some of the best dollar-for-dollar values in the world of fly fishing travel!

LOCAL CANADIAN anglers prefer, as a rule, to spend their sporting time wetting fly lines in the prolific lakes of British Columbia and Alberta, and there's little pressure on what would be considered blue ribbon trout streams south of the border.

The magnificent Chilko, Oldman, Crowsnest, Waterton, Firesteel, St. Mary's and Blackwater rivers are within easy striking distance of Vancouver or Calgary, and are largely overlooked by Canadian fishermen. These, and other Canadian rivers offer some of the best and most prolific wild trout fishing in North America. Progressive government regulations in the "Western Provinces" strictly limit the amount of commercial impaction allowed on these rivers. Canadian authorities manage the number of commercial outfitters, guides, lodges, fishing and foreign hunting licenses and guided hunters and fishermen. All of that translates to few anglers and great fishing.

The lodges and outfitters we have under our wing in British Columbia and Alberta represent a broad spectrum of fly fishing opportunities ranging from remote fly-out lodges to classic float fishing to stalking native rainbows slurping dries on a clear mountain stream. Often they're ideal family destinations.

All of the lodges we represent in Canada are family operated and owned, offering intimate angling experiences with very limited rod space during the short, condensed Canadian summer. Some, like Spatsizi, are among the most popular in North America and demand reservations far in advance. Common to all our outfitters is a genuine concern that each angler's dreams are realized, and a total commitment to meeting or exceeding their trip expectations. It's a different, very special brand of Canadian hospitality that most of us find impossible to resist.

Skeena Spey photo

Spatsizi Wilderness Lodge photo

McClean's Ts'yl-os Park Lodge

THE CHILKO RIVER, flowing through the back yard of this popular British Columbia lodge, offers some of the finest dry fly fishing in the province. Anglers can float a line from a drift boat, jet sled or float tube, and guests can tailor their package around the interests of the entire family. Sportsmen from around the world have been enjoying superb trout fishing, trail riding, canoeing, hiking, and just plain relaxing with the McClean family since 1957. Meals are wonderful, and the lodge allows only 14 guests in cabins or guest suites. A great place for the whole family!

The full week fishing package includes the round-trip charter flight from Vancouver, guided fishing, and more than comfortable lodging.

Every morning, each two guests with their guide will be off to the Chilko River, or the 52-mile long Chilko Lake once or twice during the week. There is a lot of water to be covered just outside the doorstep. The Chilko River is easily waded from the shore. For those who prefer, the guides can fish them completely from boats on the various sections of the river. The lake is accessed via jet-boat, though fishing is via wading at shallow creek mouths. The Chilko River is an incredibly prolific, healthy fishery with large populations of native rainbow trout that are normally caught on oversized dry flies and nymphs. The Chilko is also home to one of the largest Sockeye salmon runs in the world, giving the system a large boost of nutrients each fall.

▲ 7-night/6-day guided fly fishing package $6,295 USD

Spatsizi Wilderness Lodge

SPATSIZI IS ONE of the most exclusive fly-out wilderness trips on the North American map. It is located on Laslui Lake, more than 200 miles north of Smithers, British Columbia. This family-operated angling Eden offers exclusive fishing inside the incomparable Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park, a 3,600 square-mile chunk of raw land with more trout streams and lakes than could possibly be fished in a lifetime.

The package includes the round-trip charter flight from Smithers into the lake, and daily floatplane trips to some of the finest and most seldom-seen fishing on the continent. It is one of Canada's great, unsung trout fisheries and one of the top values in the freshwater fly fishing world.

▲ 7-night/6-day package $8,650 USD

ALBERTA'S FINEST FLY FISHING

Eastslope Adventures Lodge

EASTSLOPE ADVENTURES is located on the eastern edge of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, just north of the US border. The fishing is familiar to those who fish in Montana, but with only a tiny fraction of the angling pressure. That translates into unpressured fisheries, happy fish, and trout that eat flies readily.

Eastslope has both undammed freestone streams and tailwater fisheries in their daily fishing mix. Anglers can choose to wade small mountain creeks, fishing dry flies for big cutthroats one day, and utilize the lodge's private and public water access to tailwater streams the next, matching hatches or throwing hopper patterns to trophy browns and rainbows. This variety of fishing assures anglers that no matter what the conditions are, you'll have access to productive water.

For the trophy hunting angler, Eastslope has access to some small, private spring ponds, a short drive from the lodge. These still-waters demand some angling skills, but the payoff can be rainbows in the 10-pound range! Here is an opportunity to catch and release a true monster rainbow and fill that "bucket-list" fish of a lifetime.

Owner Cam Jensen has put together a stellar cast of local guides, guys that are as patient and instruction-oriented as they are fun. Not only will you have an enjoyable day with your guide, you leave a better angler and many of the techniques and tricks you will learn can be used on your local waters.

Eastslope Adventures Lodge is located on the banks of a wonderful trout stream. For those who cannot get enough time on the water with their guide, this stream is available every summer evening after dinner. What better way to end the day, then fishing a hatch a stone's throw from the lodge?

eastslope adventures

This Alberta trout Mecca is the most overlooked or best kept secret in North America! Native rainbows, browns and Canadian cutthroat grow big in the local tailwaters, streams and rivers. In addition to spectacular public angling, our outfitter, Cam Jensen, has near exclusive access to miles of private stretches of one of North America's best trout streams.

This savvy team of Canucks target southwest Alberta's productive and unspoiled trout fisheries and consistently delivers the goods. Guests have an almost infinite variety of choices within striking distance of the cozy lodge and are able to choose a different fishery every day, or return to their favorite spot to walk-and-wade. There are dozens of nearby rivers and streams to choose from.

It's the rule, rather than exception for flyrodders to hook lots of stout fish on dries and nymphs every day. The rainbows, cutthroats and browns are impressive and deep-bodied, averaging 15 to 20-inches.

The highly-acclaimed lodge accommodates only 8 anglers and lies in wide open country with very little angling pressure. Southern Alberta is farm and ranch country and it's easy to get there from the USA with a flight to nearby Calgary or a few hour's drive to the north from Kalispell, Montana.

Eastslope operates from June through October and guests can opt to pursue a Fall run of huge browns in remarkably small Canadian streams and combine it with some terrific duck and goose hunting.

It is seldom that guests share the water with, or even see another fly fisherman. Eastslope is one of our personal favorite destinations and a place we here at The Fly Shop® can't recommend more highly!

- 6-night/5-day package $4,920 USD
- Longer/shorter packages available

Eastslope Adventures photo

Ontario
Lodge

Epic Narrows Musky Camp

Jimmie Pedersen photos

MUSKELLUNGE “MUSKY” are the largest native freshwater apex predator in North America, growing to immense proportions. The IGFA world record, landed in 1948, weighed over 67 pounds, measured over 60 inches long and sported a 34-inch girth! Musky are ferocious gamefish with no known predators. They will attack just about anything that swims in the north country, including juvenile beavers, adult ducks – anything it can fit in its bucket-sized toothy mouth. Now that’s a gamefish we can sink our teeth into!

Located on Lake of the Woods (*LOTW*) Ontario, Canada, Musky Camp is the only operation we know of that is dedicated to fishing muskies exclusively with a fly rod. Lake of the Woods is massive, covering an area of over 1,700 square miles with over 14,500 islands, 65,000 miles of shoreline – and boasting the densest population of musky in the world.

Accommodations are in a waterfront cottage, located on a private peninsula only minutes from the fishing grounds. The rooms are tastefully decorated, and are plenty large enough to get unpacked and organized. The three bedrooms share three bathrooms featuring hot showers, sink, vanity and flush toilet. 24-hour power is available.

Delicious food is prepared by professional chefs who have mastered their craft cooking for anglers fishing at Epic’s British Columbia steelhead lodges and camps, and paired with wine and beer. There is no set meal schedule – meals are centered around the best fishing times for musky, usually dusk and dawn.

epic narrows musky camp

The Epic Narrows Musky Camp is outfitted by our friend and partner Derek Botchford. Derek and his team are professional anglers and operate four of the finest steelhead operations in British Columbia, Canada. However, during the short Ontario summer, they become musky-hunters. This group of talented anglers, guides and outfitters are hands-down the best in the business, and are extremely excited about this new operation they have been exploring and fully vetting for the past four years.

The magic number for a trophy musky is 50 inches, and the fishing program is centered around casting large surface and subsurface flies to shorelines in predominantly sheltered waters. The biggest fish feed during moonrise and moonset, sunrise and sunset, which are called majors and minors. Expect long days – 12 hours-plus on the water each day.

▲ 5 night/5 day $5,250 USD, plus tax

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Check out Pat Pendergast’s musky article in Fly Fisherman Magazine – “Destinations” available nationwide on major newsstands.

Wild & Native Steelhead
in North America

For a small number of obsessed anglers, steelhead are the only fish that matter. Sure, we all love fishing, and will target bluegill, if that is the only option…But, if there is a steelhead swimming upstream within a 300 mile radius and you have just a small window of time to escape the fake world to go chase them, a steelheader will make that choice every time. Every time. And there wasn't really actually ever a choice. Fly fishermen go fly fishing. Steelheaders go steelhead fishing.

IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, Nelson Ishiyama steelheaders can pursue the fish of their dreams 365 days a year, somewhere. Some seasons are arguably better than others, but a steelheader would say, as Lloyd Christmas says after being told his odds by Mary Swanson, "So you're telling me there's a chance."

Steelhead start the calendar year with the Winter run. Winter steelhead can be targeted from The Bay Area in California all the way up into BC. These rivers run almost dry in the summer and are impassable for migratory fish, but when the rains come, the steelhead rush into the swollen rivers to spawn, and then get out before the waters recede by summer. These fish are crazy powerful. Targeting them close to the ocean, they can be ghostly bright, almost transparent looking, and they have not lost an ounce of muscle since they entered the river from the Pacific. Conditions are everything this time of year. It has to rain, but not too much, or you will have to wait after the blowout for what every steelheader waits for, "Dropping and Clearing." Winter is what gives steelheaders the reputation of being die-hard. Being soaking wet and cold and hooking a fish maybe every 4 days and still being excited to go again tomorrow is not typically normal behavior…Unless you are a steelheader.

Spring can be slim pickings, but there are a handful of rivers in BC that can have epic fishing after the winter snows melt in the lower Skeena, but before the major mountain runoff blows the rivers out to oblivion. No steelhead fishing is easy or comfortable, but this time of year up north can be downright masochistic. I've seen casts where the sink tip and fly won't actually sink because the frozen slush and icebergs flowing on the surface of the river are just a little too solid. This fishing is for the hardest of the core.

Next is the Summer run. In only a select few rivers, steelhead have adapted to migrate upstream during the hottest time of the year when the rivers are running low and clear. The rivers must maintain a temperature that doesn't kill the fish, but if you find the magical rivers that steelhead run this time of year, you will see some absolutely incredible behavior if you are lucky and willing to put in your time. Skating a riffle-hitched muddler over a gin clear, glass pool and having a steelhead cartwheel onto it during the grab is the greatest moment in all of the fly fishing world…I am sure someone would argue with me about that fact, but not a steelheader, I will guarantee that…

The most important time of the year for the steelheader though is the Fall, in August, September and October.

This is the time of year when we kind of lose our marbles and push everything else in our lives to the side and onto the back burner. I actually had to convince my sister to move her wedding from the Fall to the Spring…because Fall is steelhead season. I didn't understand how she could have made this error, but after giving her the ol' "Fall is depressing, everything is dying…Spring is a symbol of life and growth and starting a fresh new chapter," she did it, because she is a legend. But she still thought I was a lunatic for a bit. My buddy made the mistake of getting married in the Fall after his fiance was less receptive than my sister was to steelheaders logic. My guy promised me that he would just miss that one season…He looked nauseous when I explained to him how anniversaries work.

Fall is special. This is the transition season from summer steelheading to winter steelheading. We can still be skating dries in the early Fall, just like we do in July, and by the end we will be swinging deep sink tips and Intruders, just like we do in the dead of winter. It is a dynamic time of year, and the time of the year that the most famous steelhead rivers around the Pacific Rim go off when the largest steelhead on Earth take a run at them. The whole Ring of Fire lights up in the Fall. California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia, Alaska and Kamchatka over in Russia all have the best runs of Steel in the Fall. And the northern rivers in BC, AK and Kamchatka are home to the best trophy steelhead rivers on Earth during this mythical time of year. Get the Spey rods out, tie some big nasty flies, and dream every night of the big pull at the end of your line, until it becomes a reality this Fall!

If you have questions about steelhead fishing in Canada, Alaska, Kamchatka or the Lower 48 (*well, just the states that have steelhead*), give me a shout and I will get you dialed in. If I haven't caught fish there, I've probably at least tried…

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R.L. Winston Rod Company photo

Pat Pendergast photo

Alaska's Steelhead Rivers

are home to the world's northernmost population of wild, native sea run rainbow trout

THE REMNANTS OF SUMMER are nearly gone when the first Alaska steelhead begin to show up for their annual family reunion. All that's left of the parade of salmon species that started in June are some Cohos, and most of them have a well-developed suntan. The midnight sun has long since given way to noticeably shorter days, and by the time the September page of the calendar start to turn, there are few remaining trout fishermen. There's a definite bite to the air that signals, for many of us, the arrival of the best of Alaska's fly fishing seasons. In *The Last Frontier*, the best has been saved for last. Steelheading.

Steelhead are found in relatively few of Alaska's rivers. Surprisingly, they aren't nearly as well-distributed in the Sourdough State as they are in Canada or the Pacific Northwest, where every watershed that flows into saltwater has (*or had at one time*) runs of both steelhead and salmon.

With rare exception, the natal rivers that Alaska steelhead have chosen as their home base are short, unlike the giant systems of British Columbia. Often, they're fed by lakes that collect mountain runoff and serve as settling basins, eventually discharging water that becomes tannic as it flows through miles of near-level tundra plain on the way to the sea.

The adaptability of steelhead is on full display in Alaska, where these supercharged sea-run trout are found in clear, tannic, and glacial watersheds.

These ultra-reliable fall steelhead destinations offer little chance of blowing out and putting a disappointing, premature punctuation to an expensive, well-planned, angling holiday. They're a rare exception to a high risk facet of our sport.

In parts of Alaska, Mother Nature created just a few fly fishing phenomena that go beyond the trout and salmon fisheries that made our 49th state famous. Three or four centuries ago receding glaciers left behind picture-perfect, serpentine rivers with spawning habitat that's ideal for redd-building salmonids. Unlike terraced rivers in other steeper terrain, these snake through almost featureless tundra prairies, where one shallow riffle and run follows another with only the occasional pool. Every inch of these rivers can, and often do, hold fish. And, as a bonus for anglers, they are exceptionally easy to wade, with veritable underwater gravel sidewalks that seldom have a boulder big enough to trip over.

What most separates the few proven steelhead fisheries on Alaska's Peninsula, the Kenai, Kodiak Island, and farther down the Aleutians from the rivers in the Pacific Northwest is their proximity to the salt. Most steelhead rivers in Alaska are less than 30 miles long, and their dime-bright, sea run trout arrive fresh at their final destination still covered with sea lice. Veteran fly fishermen revere them for their chrome armor and powerful personalities.

THE FLY SHOP® has been a vital part of Alaska fly fishing for nearly half a century. Our staff has owned lodges and has guided there extensively since the late 1970's. We helped explore some of the State's great trout and steelhead fisheries. That experience helped spark our interest in the giant rainbows in Kamchatka and eventually provided the stepping stone to our participation in the Kamchatka Steelhead Project. Put that experience to work for you.

The best rivers in Alaska to fish for Steelhead

It's a short list, with very limited availability.

THE HUMONGOUS RUNS of all the Pacific salmon species found in rivers throughout Alaska are testimony to the argument that those fisheries should also harbor steelhead. There's a lot of conjecture, but scientists, ichthyologists, and anadromous fisheries biologists don't seem to know or agree as to why steelhead don't follow those tens of millions of Pacific salmon to their Alaskan river spawning beds in the same numbers they do elsewhere.

But they don't. There are, however, lots of Alaska rivers with "trace" populations of steelhead, and even more Alaska rivers with "suspected" runs of fish that arrive long after trout and salmon fishermen have left the scene. There are just a few fully-vetted, time-tested Alaska steelhead rivers, guides, lodges, and camps. We work with most of them.

The Fly Shop® team is intimately familiar with every one of these steelhead operations. We've been there and done all the homework, so you don't have to.

Pat Pendergast photo

the alaska steelhead company

Using an elite staff of fly-savvy guides and a fleet of drift boats, Alaska Steelhead Company guests target three relatively isolated steelhead rivers that lie within easy striking distance of the beautiful lodge on the Kenai Peninsula. Anglers return each evening to superb meals and excellent accommodations. Peak weeks begin in mid-September and first-class steelhead action continues through the end of October for turbo-charged, dime-bright fish fresh from the Pacific.

▲ 6 night/5 day fishing packages with 1 day Heli-fishing. Includes all the tackle and Kenai airport transfers $6,895 plus 3% tax.

▲ Longer stays and spectacular daily heli-fishing options are available.

duncan's kodiak wilderness steelhead camp

The Duncan family helped pioneer wilderness steelhead fishing on Kodiak Island and now operate a very comfortable fixed camp on a short, shallow coastal stream in the middle of nowhere. Strong runs of ocean-fresh steelhead arrive in this small river from late August through late October. Early in the season, the chromers share the water with notoriously large Cohos, Alaska's ever-present hyenas (*Dolly Varden & Char*), and occasional rainbows. Kodiak steelhead average 6-12 pounds, and the number of daily hookups is legendary. Everything about these fish spells power, including the grab.

This is walk-and-wade fishing at its best and it helps if anglers are in good shape. Because the river is small, no boats are used.

This is a truly rewarding angling experience, best suited for physically fit fly fishermen.

▲ 7 night/6 day Duncan Kodiak Steelhead Camp packages $6,500 plus airfare between Kodiak and Camp.

Ayakulik Steelhead Outpost photo

Better put those sunglasses back on. The glare from a dime-bright, Alaska steelhead can be blinding.

the ayakulik steelhead outpost

This cozy streamside tent camp is only a short cast from one of Kodiak's finest and most famous steelhead rivers. The Ayakulik is a classic, 28-mile long river of cut-banks, pools, tail-outs, slick water, and shallow riffles. All of it is easily waded, and the only way in or out is with a float plane.

Guests enjoy swift, jet sled access to the best beats on the river and score routinely with brilliant, chrome fish averaging 8 pounds, and an occasional trophy twice that size. The warm Weatherport tent camp is as close to a wilderness motel as you'll ever get and still have fabric walls.

▲ 7 night/6 day package $7,800

Space is very limited

ALASKA'S TOP STEELHEAD RIVER

hoodoo lodge on alaska's sandy river

Hoodoo's lodge on the Sandy is considered isolated, even by Alaska standards and the only way to get to the Aleutian Peninsula river is by private charter. The river's source is a lake that keeps the Sandy clear, shallow, and easily wadeable. With only a short run from the salt to their freshwater spawning grounds these ocean-fresh fish are super-charged, aggressive, and full of fight.

The ice-cold Sandy can be covered with a single-hand rod or a Spey rod, using a sinking tip, or a floating line and long leader. In the fall, anglers often average between three and six wild steelhead hookups a day. The river is a steelheader's dream come true with 15 river miles of riffles, pocket water, deep holes, classic runs, and tailouts full of red-hot fish.

▲ 7 night/6-day package $8,850 plus $2,200 charter fee

(*2:1 client/guide ratio*) $11,050 total

$8,250 plus $2,200 charter fee

(*3:1 client/guide ratio*) $10,450 total

Space is very limited

Hoodoo Lodge photo

Justin Miller photo

Canadian Steelhead

The sea-run rainbows of the Pacific Northwest are one of the most treasured prizes in our sport. The Fly Shop® has access to limited space at the most popular spots in British Columbia.

STEELHEAD FISHING IN the Pacific Northwest was once the passionate pursuit of tens of thousands of western anglers. Just as California was once the home of the Winston, Scott, and Fenwick rod companies, and San Francisco's Golden Gate Casting Pond was the haunt of practically every great fly casting champion of the day. In fact, our Golden State was once home to the most amazing runs of steelhead ever to enter rivers from the Pacific. The rod companies have moved to Montana, and the huge runs of steelhead in the Eel, Mad, Russian, Garcia, Gualala, Navarro, Sacramento, Smith, and Klamath have all but disappeared, particularly when compared to their historic populations.

While there are remnant runs still found on the Yankee side of the 49th parallel, the very best of the wild steelhead fishing and the largest population of these majestic fish left in North America is, for the most part, found in British Columbia.

suskeena lodge

Rated by veterans and steelhead experts as among Canada's best, the lodge is located perfectly, half way up from the confluence of the Sustut and Skeena. It is more than a hundred miles from any road and separated from civilization by an impenetrable wilderness. The lodge and fishery is accessible only by plane, gets zero outside pressure, and guests share the river with only one other lodge.

The Sustut is a classic Canadian wilderness steelhead river, unique in that it runs clear and fishable in all but the worst of weather, and boasts some of the largest steelhead on Earth. Add that to the fact that these monsters are willing to rise to a skated dry fly, and it's no wonder why experts call it "the crown jewel of the Skeena."

Anglers with access to this portion of the fabulous Sustut may have the most legitimate shot at trophy-sized steelhead in Canada.

▲ 7 night/6 day fishing package $7,800-$8,200 USD

skeena spey lodge

This steelhead destination is conveniently located just ten minutes from the Terrace airport, near the mouth of the famous Copper River, and there is no better place to intercept the giants that are headed to the upriver tributaries *(Kispiox, Babine, Sustut)* while they are still silver-bright and power-packed.

This section of the lower Skeena is prime steelhead real estate, and lies in the heart of the summer run from late July through the end of October.

▲ Custom packages are available.

Call The Fly Shop® for prices (CDN) and dates

frontier steelhead experience

This is an over-the-top experience run by a talented crowd of hard-core steelheaders with permitted access to a super slice of the finest steelhead fishing in Canada. Their skill and work ethic is accented by deluxe lodging, and two rivers with runs of wild steelhead.

Steelhead fishing is all about weather and water, and at this place anglers improve their odds by being able to split the week between the spectacular Bulkley and Morice Rivers, fisheries ranking at the top of British Columbia's blue-ribbon steelhead options.

Frontier Steelhead Experience guests choose daily between jet boat trips, raft trips, drift boat trips, heli-fishing or overnight float and camp trips in the wilderness portion of the world famous Bulkley.

This is an unforgettable steelhead experience that The Fly Shop® staff rates at the top of the pile.

▲ 7 night/6½ day package $8,580 USD

babine steelhead lodge is situated on one of the best trophy steelhead stretches of water in the world. Helicopter access from Smithers adds an extra half day of fishing to the week and guests can plan on shaking hands with some of the biggest steelhead on the angling map.

Renovated, double occupancy cabins and a 2:1 ratio of clients to extremely talented, hardworking guides helps put this terrific steelhead lodge at the top of the list on the mighty Babine.

▲ 7 night/6½ day fishing package $8,454 USD

bulkley basecamp

Frontier Steelhead Experience has created the perfect mix of comfort, camp atmosphere, and expert staff at their permanent camp on a private tributary of one of the most exclusive rivers in the Skeena system.

Guests fish the Bulkley, mainstem of the Skeena, and the Morice during this action-packed week, and may add an optional helicopter flight to some of the most isolated stretches of steelhead water in all of British Columbia.

The camp is ultra-comfortable, with large, heated canvas wall tents, hot showers, flush toilets, and hearty home-cooked meals.

The fishing day is limited only by an angler's enthusiasm, with access to spectacular home water within a stone's throw of the tent flap. Every inch of the fishery has the potential to deliver bright fish and super-sized models of magnificent steelhead during all of September and October.

This is one of the premier steelhead destinations in the world of sportfishing. The camp is ideal for fly rodders who place more value on the quality of the fishing experience than the quality of the linen.

▲ 6 night/6 day fishing package $6,910 USD

copper bay lodge

Winter steelhead fishing at its best, and a trip tailored for fishermen who thrill to target silver-bright, salt-fresh, wild steelhead on rivers that seldom see a fisherman.

These small Canadian coastal fisheries pull in dime-bright fish on every tide, and giants over 20 pounds are caught each season on these gorgeous little rainforest streams. Limited to only 4 anglers each week, Copper Bay guests feel as though they have the entire archipelago to themselves. And they often do.

▲ 7 night/6½ day fishing package $7,050 USD

Jimmie Pederson photo

Washington Steelhead

The Steelhead Ranch

One of the top summer steelhead rivers in the entire Pacific Northwest, the Klickitat is an All-American fly fishing experience that delivers sizeable numbers of fish.

THE GRADIENT of the Klickitat is steeper than its neighboring Columbia River tributaries, and might be the reason the beauty of the "Wild and Scenic" canyon river is so stunning. That steep climb, and that the Klickitat is the only major branch of the Columbia without a dam appears to have combined to create a unique breed of steelhead – bigger, stronger, and more determined. These hard-fighting fish average 8 to 12 pounds with enough true trophies in the mix to make you plant your feet solidly after every cast.

The first fish begin to show on the Klickitat in mid-summer, but it's not until about Labor Day when the weather cools and the glacial river clears that the conditions for fly fishing become ideal. The action then shifts into higher gear as more and more fish continue to accumulate in the Klickitat until the end of November, when spawning starts and government regulations shut it all down.

During the 120-day peak of the Klickitat's summer steelhead season, the first choice of lodges for many veteran anglers is The Steelhead Ranch.

The well-appointed, 3-bedroom lodge is located 2 hours northeast of Portland or 4 hours southeast of Seattle. The spacious mountain home is air-conditioned, and handles a maximum of only ten guests. They're treated to fine meals timed to the fishing schedule, swell accommodations, and excellent fly fishing guides.

The Steelhead Ranch couldn't come more highly recommended and has the unqualified endorsement of The Fly Shop® and our friend, Trey Combs.

Packages include accommodations, delicious meals, boat lunch, non-alcoholics, limited selection of alcoholic beverages, daily transportation and experienced guides for each two anglers, all the flies and terminal tackle, and (*if required*) fly rods, reels, and fly lines.

▲ 4 night/3 day $2,235

Steellhead Ranch photos

Washington
Steelhead

Olympic Peninsula Steelhead

Olympic Peninsula Steellhead photos

The hallowed waters of the Olympic Peninsula – or "OP" to those who know it – of Washington state have long drawn steelheaders from all over the world for the chance at finding one of their big wild winter run steelhead. The area is known for large fish. Steelhead over 20 lbs. are caught every season and on any given cast there is the possibility of hooking a beast in excess of 30 pounds.

LUSH TEMPERATE RAINFOREST, big free-flowing coastal rivers surrounded by moss-covered old growth trees and ocean-bright steelhead are what you can expect to find on a trip to the "OP".

This is the last stronghold of these big chrome anadromous fish in the lower 48 states.

The winter steelhead fishery on the Olympic Peninsula is a short season and dependent on so many factors. Steelhead enter the rivers between December and April with rain being the key ingredient. The OP receives 14 feet of rain annually with most of it coming during those prime winter months. Big storms are what brings these fish up their natal rivers and the guides know the best runs to intercept them on their upstream journey.

These rivers are perfectly suited for swinging flies. However, the guides are well versed in single and double-handed rod tactics and will focus your time on your preferred style of fishing.

Guides use hard-sided drift boats and rafts to access the best runs in the area. You will be within short striking distance of six prime winter steelhead rivers and within half an hour of four of them. Famous rivers like the Sol Duc, Hoh, Bogachiel, and Calawah are the main rivers they focus on and the Queets and Clearwater are options depending on conditions and flows.

Jack Mitchell of the Evening Hatch has taken advantage of "The Bogey House" on the banks of the Bogachiel River, located just outside of the historic timber town of Forks, to return to for cocktails, stories and dinner after a long day on the water.

Hearty homestyle meals, unpretentious accommodations, complimentary beer, wine and a selection of hard alcohol is all included in your stay at the Bogey House.

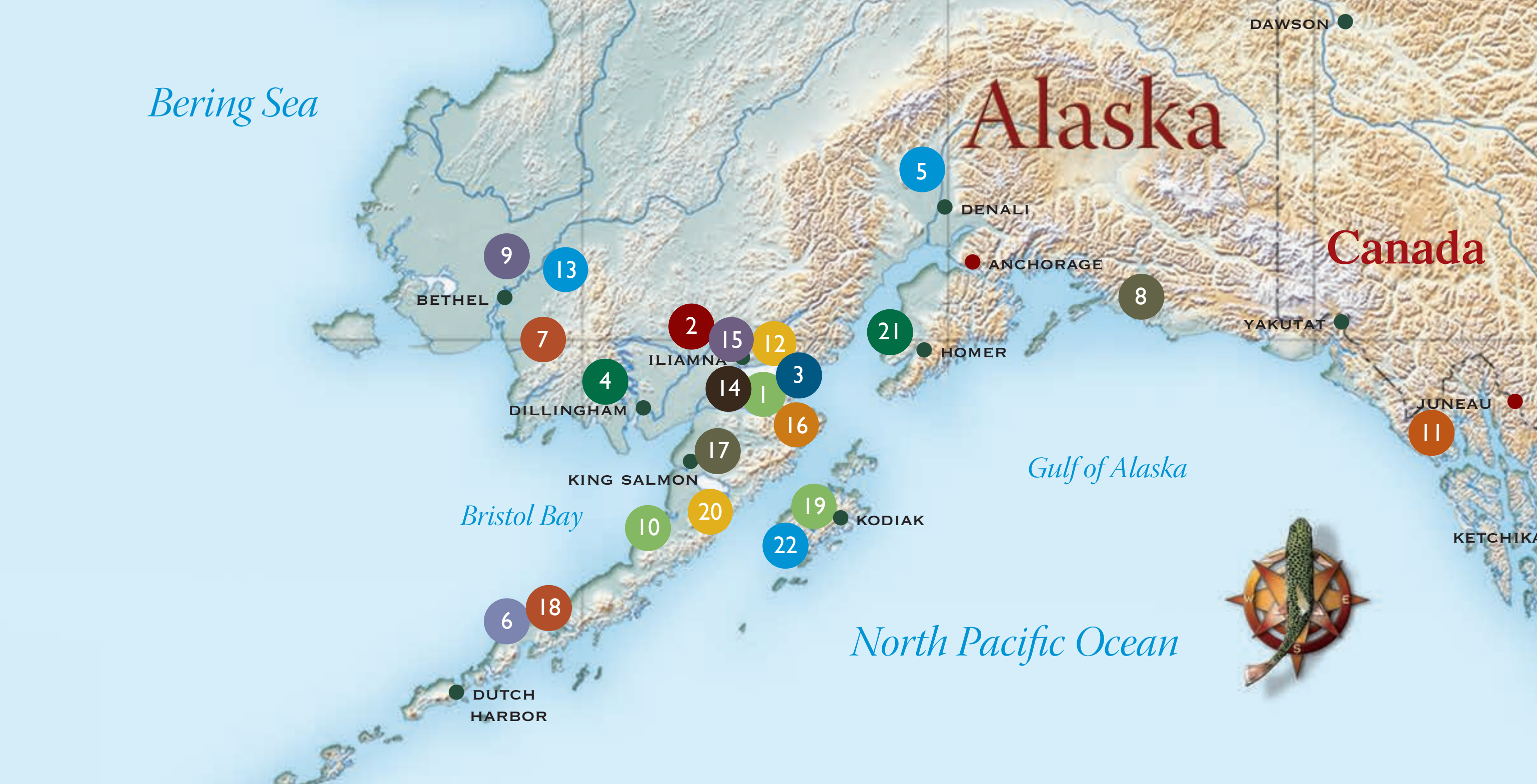
▲ 4 night/3 day double occupancy package $2,235 per person

Top Trout & Salmon Destinations

ALASKA. The very word conjures images of vast expanses of untracked wilderness, enormous brown bears, massive craggy mountain ranges, wolf packs, tundra as far as the eye can see…and rivers teeming with fish like no other place on Earth. Bright silver salmon shouldering into freshwater rivers, reflecting emerald and purple from the sea, shedding scales and with sea lice clinging to their bellies. Inland rivers choked with spawning salmon, dramatic and stunning in their skins of fluorescent reds and greens. Behind them, rainbow trout, vividly striped and spotted, each as large (*or larger*) than the biggest we could ever hope to catch back home. And strange, exotic fish, too. Dolly Varden that we at first mistake for our familiar brook trout…but there are so many more, and they are all so much larger. Arctic grayling, with their elegant, flag-like dorsals that undulate in soft currents, their bodies armored in delicate scales. For an angler, Alaska is like tumbling down the rabbit's hole, arriving to a place that is very different than home.

At The Fly Shop®, we have been continually and gleefully leaping into that rabbit hole for most of our adult lives, still captivated with this rugged land after more than 40 years. Yes, the fishing is what brings us, but in fact it may be the staggering, raw wildness of the place that keeps us coming back. The pursuit of salmon and trout and other species may occupy most of our time while there, yet in some ways it is merely the excuse we use to once again immerse ourselves in a land that touches a wild place deep within us, a place we otherwise so rarely get to visit.

We would love to share this magical place with you. Collectively, we know about as much as is possible to understand about the fly fishing opportunities in this, America's last frontier. We represent some of the finest lodge and camp operators, and can help you unravel the many and sometimes complicated fishing options they offer. Give us a call; we're here to help you put together a trip you'll never forget.



Choosing from among the best fly fishing lodges & camps in Alaska

THE PLACES we work with in Alaska represent our 49th State's "honor roll" of lodges, camps, and outfitters. Ours is a terrific portfolio reflecting a wonderful cross-section of Alaska's fly fishing geography, a wide assortment of angling options, and a broad range of price tags.

Over the past 46 years The Fly Shop® has become the recognized authority on Alaska fly fishing travel. We've helped thousands of clients choose their Alaska destination and outfitted tens of thousand of fly rodders for their trips north. Collectively, our staff has owned several Alaska lodges, guided there for decades, and spent more time exploring Alaska's fishing than anyone else in the angling travel world.

The people here at The Fly Shop® have personally visited every single lodge we represent, often dozens of times. We know each destination (*and the people that operate them*) intimately. Our team has learned, first-hand, the best times to be at these places and, because we have been nearly everywhere else in Alaska, understand the differences between the lodges we work with and the other spots that aren't on our list.

In all of this we've been your advocate, focused only on your best interests, and not distracted by other motivation. We offer a level of expertise, familiarity, in-depth knowledge, and objectivity that you won't find elsewhere, or for a cent less.

THE FLY SHOP'S SELECTION OF ALASKAN FLY FISHING LODGES & CAMPS

1 **Iliamna River Lodge**
World-class flyout lodge with amazing fishing and non-angler adventures.

2 **Outpost on the Nush**
Same camp – they just changed their name to Outpost on the Nush.
A true Alaskan wilderness trout fishing experience.

3 **Royal Wolf Lodge**
Rated by our travel veterans as one of Alaska's top fly out lodges.
A perfect location with superb guides and trophy trout.

4 **Royal Coachman**
It doesn't get much better than this isolated, riverside fly-out lodge in the heart of the most prolific salmon and rainbow fishery in our 49th state.

5 **Talaheim Lodge**
Helicopters, planes, and great rainbow trout fishing nobody else can get to.

6 **Hoodoo Lodge**
Kings and silvers 'til you drop in a river custom-tailored for fly fishing.

7 **Goodnews River Lodge**
Super-productive rainbow, silver, and king camp in the middle of nowhere.

8 **Hidden Cove Lodge**
Hard-core silver salmon from dawn to dark and a no-frills lodge.

9 **Aniak River Lodge**
The focus at Aniak is mouse-eating rainbows, Dolly Varden, salmon, sheefish and pike. One of Alaska's most comfortable tent camps.

10 **Lava Creek Lodge**
This kick-ass king and silver fishery only has room for 8 anglers each week.

11 **Trotter's Baranof Wilderness Lodge**
A great fishing destination for the entire family.

12 **Copper River Lodge**
Great guides and lodge on the 49th State's most beautiful trout river.
Undoubtedly Alaska's number one dry fly river.

13 **Duncan & Sons**
Two superb mobile camps and a float on the Chosen River with trout, Dolly Varden, grayling, silvers, and kings in a remote setting.

14 **Rainbow River Lodge**
Hardcore trout and salmon flyout fishing with luxurious accommodations

15 **Jack's AK Kvichak**
Steelhead-like rainbows just downstream from Alaska's biggest lake.

16 **The Ridge**
Exclusive 4-person fly-out lodge on a hill overlooking the Copper River.

17 **Bear Trail Lodge**
Its King Salmon location is a dead-center base for silvers and rainbows.

18 **Sandy River King Salmon & Steelhead Lodge**
Arguably the absolute top steelhead river in the entire United States.

19 **Ayakulik River Camp**
Phenomenal silvers and some of Alaska's best steelhead fly fishing.
This is Alaska the way most people imagine.

20 **Rapids Camp Lodge**
One of Alaska's premier fly fishing, fly-out lodges.

21 **Alaska Steelhead Company**
Road and heli access to some of Cook Inlet's best steelheading.

22 **Duncan's Kodiak Camp**
Remote wilderness camp on the banks of a small river filled with steelhead.

Alaska from the Air

Having a float plane to get to trout in remote rivers is the ultimate Alaska experience!

ANGLERS PLANNING a visit to a fly-out lodge in Alaska have more to look forward to than just a memorable fishing vacation. Each morning of the week, the float plane lift-off exposes the full glory of Alaska, transporting anglers into a magical aerial world. The elevation during the flight to the fishing grounds is kept intentionally low to allow passengers a chance to see more of wild Alaska than is imaginable. These scenic flights to distant rivers often pass over moose, bear, caribou and wolves. Anticipation builds along the way as they pass over land and scenery leaving everyone breathless, until they're dropped off in water full of char, salmon and wild-ass rainbows.

Bush planes offer fishermen access to rivers and streams beyond the horizon and often out of reach by boats. These aerial angling taxis change the dynamics of a fishing trip dramatically and translate into more fishing opportunities and diversity. Of course, the more distant the final destination is from civilization and the more time spent in the air during the week, the higher the price tag is going to be.

Many small Alaska streams are too shallow, far too narrow, and would be dangerous to land a plane on, but there are over 3 million lakes in Alaska and quite a few deep rivers, bays, and waterways. The fly-out lodges in the 49th state use this massive network of aqua-landing strips to spot their guests on the top trout and salmon streams in the region.

royal wolf lodge's wilderness location in the heart of Katmai National Preserve puts this place in a league of its own. Their pilots have a tremendous daily advantage with specialized HelioCourier float-equipped planes (*capable of short take-offs and landings*) "that can land on a fencepost" and are able to target hard-to-reach spots that are considered beyond the grasp of other more commonly used aircraft.

This top-tier lodge location is second to none, and from their riverside lodge on the Nonvianuk River, deep in Katmai National Preserve, they're not only within quick and easy range of the most famous trout streams in Alaska, their planes are often en route to the fishing before other lodges have warmed their engines.

The lodge has a time-tested and well-earned reputation for excellence. Their guides rate as among the best in the business and, with their specialized aircraft, serve up a steady diet of great fishing.

Royal Wolf guests enjoy deluxe cabin accommodations and a magnificent panoramic view from the lodge's cocktail area and popular social center. The kitchen is renowned for serving up four-star food to guests who return to the lodge each day exhausted from battling rainbow trout.

▲ 7 night/6 day package June though early October $14,250

The rates include the round trip transfer flights between Anchorage and the lodge!

rainbow river lodge is located 210 miles southwest of Anchorage on privately held land in the heart of Alaska's phenomenal Bristol Bay and Lake Iliamna "Trophy Alaska Rainbow Trout" watershed.

This deluxe fly-out lodge has been rated as one of the "ten best fly fishing lodges in Alaska" and their home water, the Copper, has been described by Trout Unlimited as one of the "top 100 best trout streams in the world," and was Alaska's first fly fishing only, catch and release fishery.

Nestled among black spruce on Pike Lake where the lodge's float planes land and take off (*just off the Copper River*), the lodge affords guests easy access to fabled local waters to fish for trout, salmon, Arctic char, Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, northern pike and lake trout.

The spacious and modern, timber-framed lodge with massive windows that look out at Pike Lake and the Chigmit Mountains in the distance is spectacular. The lodge's open great room naturally compliments the panoramic views and features a custom made bar, several seating areas and the dining room. Share a fish story by the wood stove, enjoy a cocktail at the bar, play a game of billiards, or venture out on the elevated deck or hot tub veranda to relax and take in the natural splendor of Alaska.

Shared guest cabins feature slate entries, maple hardwood floors, and state of the art bathrooms with corner glass showers, handmade aspen log furniture, and pillow-top mattresses with down comforters. No expense has been spared in creating a great atmosphere and comfort level for guests.

▲ 6 night/6 day Guided Fly-out package $11,000 per person, double occupancy

bear trail lodge has one of the most unique fly out menus in the Alaska sport fishing business. From their centrally located King Salmon base, Nanci Morris and her staff have ready winged access to all the major trophy trout targets in both Katmai and the Iliamna basin, as well as the lightly-fished rainbow and char streams of the Becharof region, and even to the famous silver rivers down the Alaskan Peninsula. There's no down time at Bear Tail Lodge. The Naknek River, home to some of the largest rainbow trout in the state is only a short cast from the dining room table.

▲ 4 night/4 day package $8,885 ▲ 5 night/5 day package $10,350
▲ 6 night/6 day package 12,260 ▲ 7 night/7 day package 13,310

Packages begin and end in Anchorage, and the lodge provides any gear necessary including quality waders, boots, fly rods, reels, leaders, and all the necessary flies.

the ridge combines unexpected luxury in the remote Alaska wilderness with spectacular fly-out fishing for a variety of species in the famous Lake Iliamna and Katmai regions. The cabin is perched on the rim of the Copper River valley with spectacular views and comfortably holds 4 guests each week, making it a personal, intimate and attractive option for small groups wanting an exclusive fly fishing retreat.

- 6 night/6 day package $10,400
  Four fly-outs and two jet boat days on the Copper River
  (5th fly-out can be added for $500/person)

rapids camp lodge uses two de Havilland Beavers and an Otter on amphib floats to transfer their guests to the finest of their regional streams and rivers. These are spots stuffed with rainbows, Dolly Varden, char, and seasonal salmon that can't easily be reached any other way. Daily destinations are matched to the anglers' interests and the squadron of float planes and a talented team of expert Rapids Camp guides combine to make certain guests are far beyond the crowds, and with a constant bend in their rod.

The main guest lodge has a panoramic view of the magnificent Naknek River. Each morning the pilots are given instructions to bring everyone back safely, dog-tired of catching fish, and ready to sit down at the terrific indoor watering hole for hors d'oeuvres and an evening cocktail hour accented by private label wines and craft beers. Fine dinners accent each wonderful day, and the Rapids Camp kitchen is as expert as the rest of the staff, serving sumptuous meals that are beyond excellent followed by incredible desserts. Accommodations at Rapids Camp Lodge are first-class in every respect. Each of the ten weekly angling guests enjoy private accommodations complete with private bathrooms, and a million-dollar view.

- 7 night/6 day fishing package $14,950
- Includes private round trip charter from Anchorage.

Kris Kennedy photo

Alaska's Top Fly Out Lodges

Royal Coachman Lodge photo

Pilots will often land on a nearby puddle of water and both anglers and a guide will hike to the stream. Their short flight from the lodge would have taken days or been impossible, on foot.

FLY-OUT LODGES USE fixed-wing planes that usually have floats instead of wheels. The most common models are deHavilland Beavers and Cessnas. Both have high wings attached to the upper fuselage and are ideal for float modification. Like all planes, they're expensive to operate. The fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs for these airborne fishing taxis are exorbitant by any standard and help explain the prices charged by all the fly out lodges.

Bush pilots used to fly clients around for a while, attempting to disorient them before dropping into their "secret" rivers or streams. For years they'd change what they called these spots in an attempt to preserve their anonymity. Now the parks limit access permits in order to both preserve the wilderness and ensure the quality of the experience. Native communities often license exclusive use of whole river systems and for some it isn't what it used to be. It's better!

As the pilot tilts the wings to circle and drop in for a landing, it's common and easy to see schools of trout and salmon in the water below. After the plane lands, anglers anxiously disembark, tackle is assembled, and the guide will lead the way over a short tundra trail to the river. Everywhere you look spawning salmon splash, and behind them you see the long, dark shapes of trout.

It's going to be a good day.

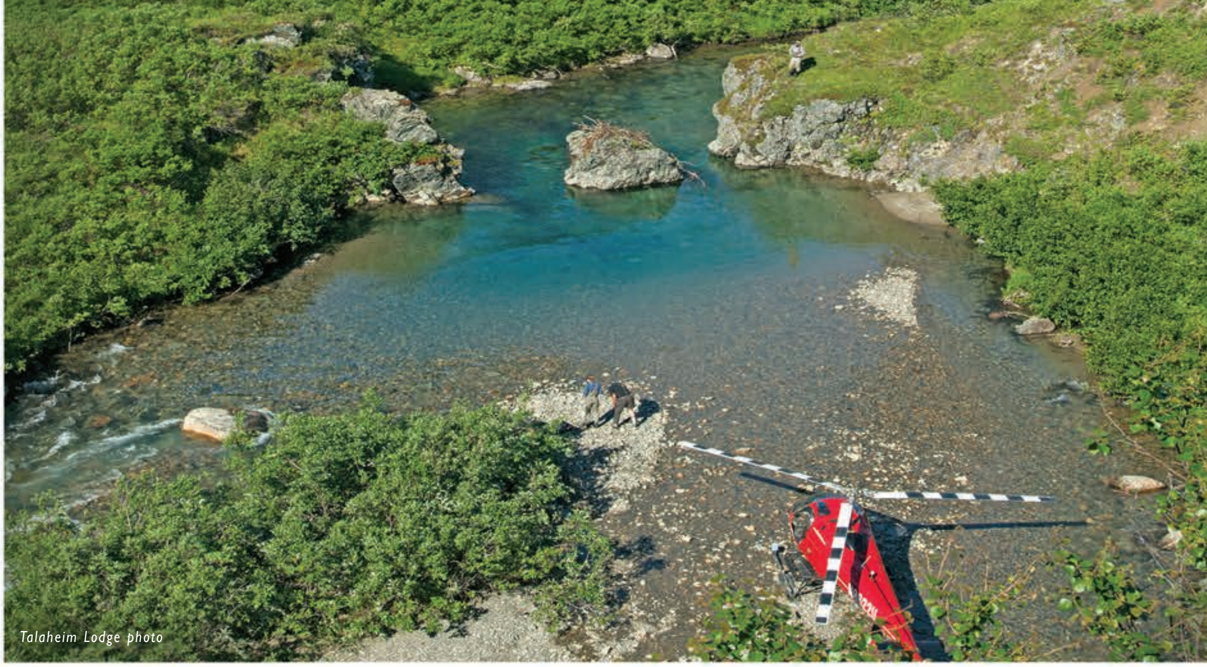
Iliamna River Lodge photo

iliamna river lodge is located 200 miles southwest of Anchorage in the Lake Iliamna Basin, accessible only by jetboat or floatplane. Their location is in the middle of some of the finest sportfishing in Alaska. Their only neighbors are bears, moose and a few million fish.

Nestled among pines overlooking the Iliamna River where the lodge's float planes land and take off, the lodge affords guests easy access to fabled local waters to fish for trout, salmon, and Arctic char, as well as nearby saltwater fishing for halibut and bottom fish. Guests are accommodated in newly-built and spacious heated cabins with walk-in showers, full bathrooms and a front porch that offers fantastic views of nearby peaks and the Iliamna River.

Comfortable rooms, first-class service and lots of options.

▲ 6 night/6 day Guided Fishing
(*5 Flyouts & 1 Home-water Fishing Day*) $11,000



Talaheim Lodge photo

royal coachman lodge has a riverside location that's dead-center in the 49th state's most scenic and least crowded trout and salmon water. The setting is gorgeous and guests enjoy superb after-hours fishing right out the front door on the fabulous Nuyakuk River.

The lodge has two float planes, and from their base in the heart of Wood-Tikchik State Park they are only a short flight from half a dozen other, equally spectacular rivers.

Royal Coachman has a well-deserved, five-star reputation for expert guides that are second to none in Alaska and each week is highlighted with exceptional cuisine, a great staff, and private accommodations for each two guests.

This is a top-tier destination with an angling menu that encapsulates the best of the Alaska fly-out experience. It meets all the expectations of the most demanding angling travelers and testimony to it's excellence is its popularity. Most guests return year after year and space is very limited.

▲ 7 night/6 day package $12,200.

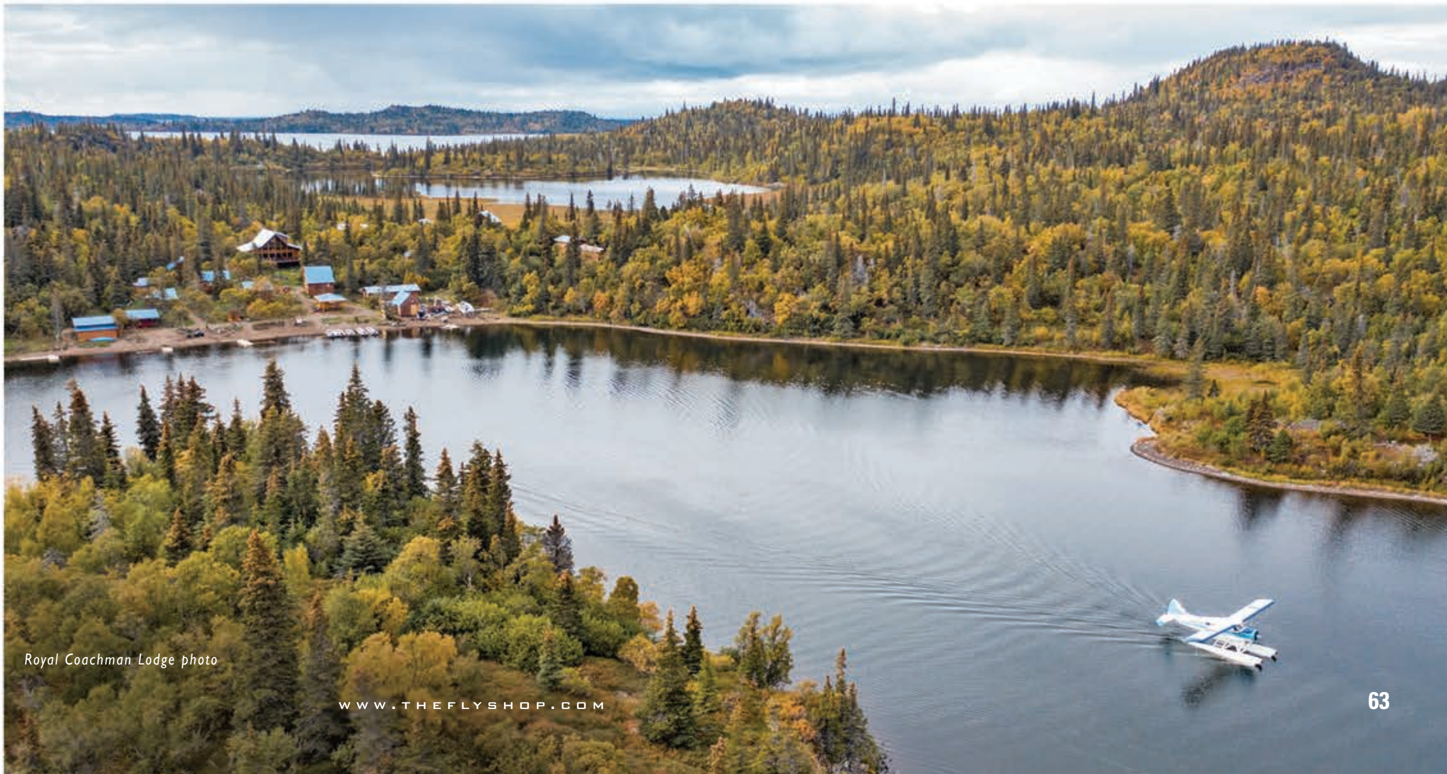
talaheim lodge is a unique fly out lodge, even in Alaska! Their pilots use helicopters to get their angling guests to some of the most seldom-seen fly fishing in Alaska. These are small streams that nobody else ever sees!

The rainbows aren't giants in this part of the 49th State, but the spectacular scenery and true wilderness experience puts this lodge in a class completely by itself.

The lucky folks fishing with Talaheim enjoy a spectacular combination of unforgettable angling on the Talachulitna, (*their home water*), and some fabulous fly-out fishing in near-rivers and small streams that are accessible only by Talaheim's specialized aircraft.

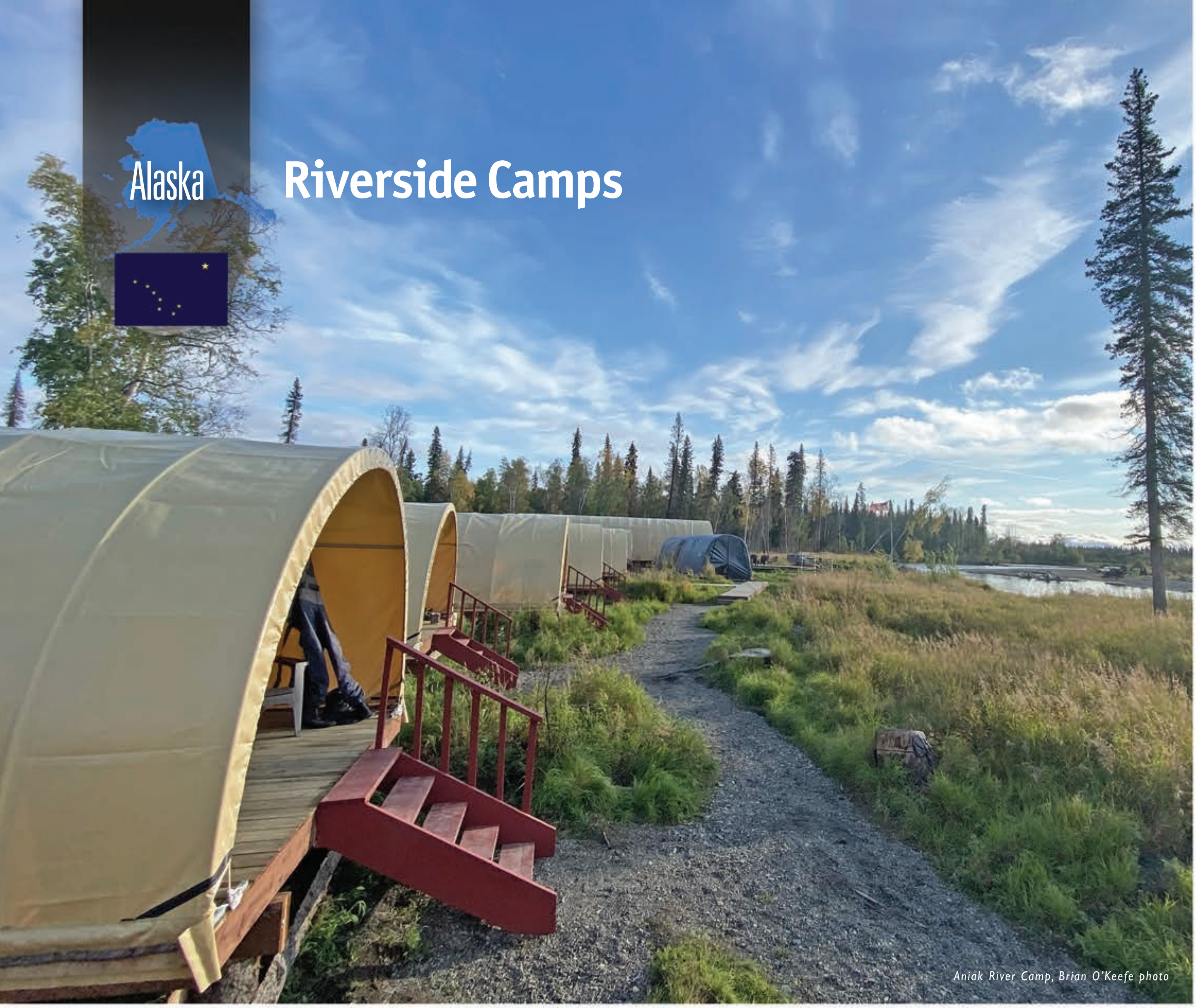
Talaheim is the easiest, top-tier lodge in Alaska to get to. The fly fishing adventure begins after a 35-minute flight from Anchorage (*included in the package*).

▲ 6 night/7 day package $9,600



Royal Coachman Lodge photo

Riverside Camps



Aniak River Camp, Brian O'Keefe photo

Before Alaska produced half a million barrels of oil every day, and before industrial-scale cruises and mega-tourism, the state was a quiet frontier that drew the rapt attention of the hardest-core fishermen.

Until the mid-1980's the goal of most prototypical Alaskan fishing trips was to dig as deep as you could into your wallet, pay a pilot to get you as far from civilization as possible, set up a tent on a river, fish hard all day, and return home with a sore arm and lots of stories.

THE FISHING IN ALASKA hasn't changed much since those days, but the camp experience has gradually been replaced by upscale lodges with daily float plane shuttles to distant streams, and prices that go hand-in-hand with those expensive options.

What few isolated streamside camps and lodges remain are a reminder of the golden age of frontier fly fishing, where everything, including anglers must either be brought in by float plane or barge.

High-tech equipment and improvements have exponentially raised the level of comfort. Contemporary camps and streamside lodges now enjoy lights, quiet generators, solar panels, propane-heated showers, and can be called camping only by the loosest application of the term.

The few riverside camps remaining that are permitted in Alaska's state and federal parklands now feature enviro-friendly tents, eco-kitchens, sanitation facilities and all the amenities.

These fishing outposts are rapidly being replaced by luxury lodges outside the parklands and chased into history by wilderness legislation. Yet there are leaseholdings and pre-park patented lands where a spectacular wilderness and a fish-til-you-drop atmosphere still accompany home-cooked meals, enthusiastic guides, and still embody the bush camp experience.

Camp operations usually don't offer daily fly outs. They rely, instead, on a quality local fishery. Their on-the-water locations often allow more fishing time each day, require less concern about weather or flying conditions, and cater to more self-reliant anglers.

Accessed only by bush plane, these remote wilderness camps are usually a small intimate affair, offering a season long tug-of-war with salmon, char, rainbows, or grayling. Anglers depend on jetboats to get to nearby, red-hot fishing in rivers and small tributaries that are all but impossible to reach any other way.

These are places where you don't have to worry about getting to your favorite beat and finding someone else wading in the center of it. The river is usually just beyond the threshold or a short cast from outside the flap of the tent, and the dawn 'til dusk fishing is limited only by your enthusiasm and stamina.

ALASKA'S TOP RIVER CAMPS

aniak river camp

This terrific tent camp is a taste of "Old Alaska" and is reminiscent of when we began fishing there in the 70's. The Aniak is located in the middle of nowhere in a state with lots of nowhere, and you are all but guaranteed to have plenty of Alaska to yourself.

The Aniak experience goes beyond great angling and is punctuated daily by a procession of wildlife and bird viewing that's hard to equal.

Guests have every day jet-boat access to what seems like endless miles of solitary fishing in a classic river with side channels and tributaries that are absolutely stuffed with rainbows, Dolly Varden, grayling, and seasonal salmon. The remote Aniak offers guests what is possibly the best mousing for rainbows in all of Alaska! Add sheefish to the list of targets and you'll find few other Alaska destinations with as much angling variety. Sometimes all at once.

▲ 2025 7 night/6 day package $8,540

duncan & sons

Personalized attention to small groups of travelling anglers has been the hallmark of the Duncan family for decades. This tribe of angling pioneers has established a first-class menu of true wilderness float trips and a choice of two classic Alaskan bush camps, along with a season-long pageant of terrific rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, and salmon fishing on the famous Chosen River. The Duncan's were among the first to guide clients on this incredible fishery back in the 70's, and their Upper Camp with its exclusive Togiak National Wildlife Refuge access and phenomenal mousing for rainbows is perfectly accented by the Lower Camp's immediate access to ocean-bright kings and silvers, as well as rainbows. The Duncans are justifiably famous for superb guides, amazing camp food, jet sleds specially renovated for rowing and running the shallow runs and riffles of the river, and camps that stretch the definition of camping with hot showers, flush toilets and comfortable bunks.

▲ Duncan Upper Camp 7 night/6 day packages	$6,500
▲ Duncan Lower Camp 7 night/6 day packages	6,400
▲ Duncan Chosen River Float Trip 7 night/6 day packages	6,300

outpost on the nush

The Upper Nushagak is one of the most unique trout fishing river systems in our 49th state; an experience shared only by the others in camp, moose, bears, and a million rainbow trout.

This is Alaska the way it used to be. An isolated camp, reached only by float plane, with cozy cabins, fine food, and non-stop fishing right outside the door.

Though remote, little is sacrificed in the way of the camp's creature comforts. Fly fishermen head out at their leisure with expert guides each morning after a hearty breakfast, for as much fishing as they can handle. Nearly every inch of the Nushagak for thirty miles in each direction is fishable and the trout-savvy guides in this camp will put you on fish.

▲ 7 night/6 day package $8,500

goodnews river lodge

This has been regarded as the ultimate, classic Alaskan king, silver, chum, and rainbow camp for four decades. The Goodnews is one of the few rivers where superb king or silver salmon fishing coincides with terrific rainbow trout action, and where there are more Dolly Varden and grayling than there are mosquitoes.

The river is remote, even in Alaska, flowing directly into the Bering Sea at a point nearly as far north as rainbows are known to be found. This is a super-popular package that includes the round trip charter flight between Anchorage and the lodge, and the Native Land Use fee.

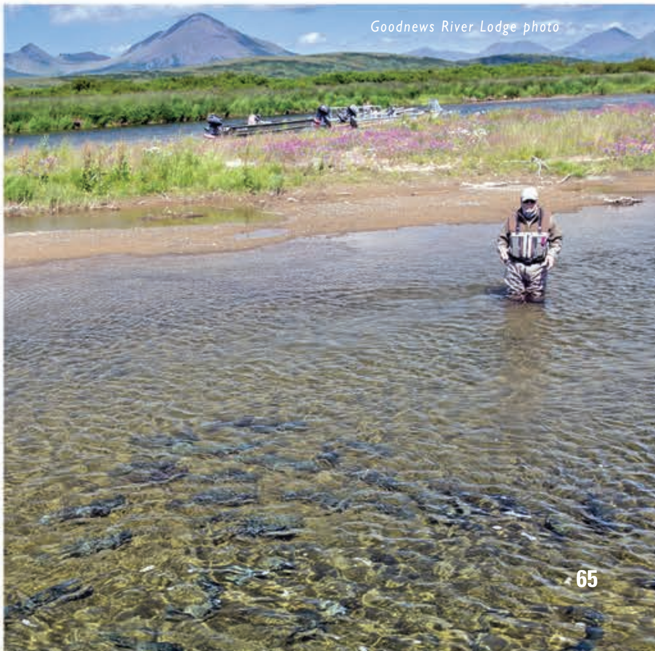
▲ 7 night/6 day package $9,490 - $10,490

Goodnews River Lodge photo

Duncan & Sons photo

Mike Mercer photo

Outpost on the Nush photo


Goodnews River Lodge photo

Riverside Lodges & Floats

The Evening Hatch photo

The Fly Shop® is fortunate to represent a few traditional Alaska lodges with near-unlimited access to great trout fishing that is right out their front doors. Guests enjoy angling that is only limited by how much energy they can muster during the long summer days in the land of the midnight sun.

evening hatch's kvichak river program

Lake Iliamna and the Kvichak River are home to the largest sockeye salmon run in the world. These runs are sometimes in the tens of millions and infuse a tremendous amount of biomass into the system. The sheer volume of eggs, dead sockeye flesh and salmon smolt brought into the watershed is staggering and helps the rainbows grow very big, healthy and strong. This area is known throughout the fly fishing community for the steelhead-like trout that make Lake Iliamna and its tributaries their home.

Jack Mitchell of The Evening Hatch has decided to concentrate on two months of the year on the Kvichak River – September and October – when most of the lodges have packed up for the season. This leaves the river mostly to him, his guides and the diehards willing to brave the coming Alaska winter to go toe-to-toe with these rainbow trout. These fish are in peak condition, looking to add a few more calories to sustain them through the long Alaskan winter. Autumn Alaska rainbow trout are aggressive and eat just about any fly you put in front of them. Although multiple fly fishing tactics will work, swing fishing with single or double rods is the focus of this fishery!

The lodge provides comfortable beds, hot showers, a great dining room and a riverside deck. While the lodge is not the Ritz Carlton, the facility is very comfortable, and the talented chef cranks out some hearty and delicious meals.

This is one of the best values in all Alaska – you won't find a better bargain. You fly to Anchorage, buy a fishing license, bring some cash for gratuities and they will take care of the rest.

▲ 6 night/5+ day of fishing $6,150/person

Includes round trip air charter (*Anchorage - Igiugig - Anchorage*), lodging, all meals and snacks, 5+ days of guided fishing, flies and terminal tackle, rods & reels if needed, limited open bar.

copper river lodge

The procession of large rainbow trout that follow migrating sockeyes into the shallow, crystal clear Copper each summer resulted in the river being the first in our 49th State to be designated as a "Trophy Trout Fishery" and the first declared catch-and-release only. Fifty years later, it remains one of the top rainbow fisheries in the state and is, arguably, the Iliamna Lake region's most beautiful river.

Copper River Lodge offers its guests a hybrid fly-out/home water fishing program, combining fly-outs to other regional rivers while using jet boats on their home water, the Copper River. This allows anglers the opportunity to access various local rivers when they are at their best.

The operation is owned by the Vermillion family, one of our sport's most highly-respected lodge management teams. Their terrific guides, great equipment, and wonderful streamside location has been their hallmark here for decades.

Copper River Lodge caters to only six anglers each week. It is extremely popular, and many of the guests return year after year. Space is very limited.

▲ 6 night/6 day package $9,250
(four fly-outs, weather permitting, and two home water jet boat days)

Copper River Lodge photo

The Top Alaska Float Trips

wilderness float trips in Alaska are a step back in time to when life moved at a slower pace – synched to the speed of the river and ever-changing landscape around every bend. The immensity of the country and deafening silence are profound and lasting on your psyche.

Rivers were the natural highways for natives to travel the backcountry, and float and fish trips allow us to see and experience what Alaska pioneers did 100 or more years ago. To go to Alaska just to fish is to miss out on what is really there to be caught. Every day is a new adventure where fishing is often secondary to the grand splendor of the Alaska wilderness. These floats give us a front row seat to a streamside parade of birds and Alaska wildlife, and typically dusk to dawn fish-catching.

Alaska float trips run by our outfitters include the Kanektok or "Chosen" River, the Goodnews, the Arolik, Kisarolik, Kwethluk, Togiak, Stuyahok, Koktuli, Chilikadrotna, Talachulitna, Lake Creek, Alagnak, Moraine and the American River.

The Fly Shop is fortunate to represent some of the best licensed operators of world-class float trips in Alaska.

▲ Trips vary in length from 5-10 days for groups of 2-10 anglers and prices vary from $5,995-$9,200

Dave Duncan photo

Alaska's
Riverside Lodges

ALASKA'S HOT
KING, SILVER SALMON & TROUT DESTINATION

Custom-tailored
for the
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this remote operation
on the
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offers
wall-to-wall,
dime-bright kings,
silvers, and trout,
in shallow,
fly rod friendly
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We're very proud to offer this exciting and exclusive addition to our portfolio of Signature Destinations available only through The Fly Shop® and our network of angling agents and professional fly shops.

Arian Stevens photos

Untouched Aleutian Salmon & Trout Fishing

Lava Creek Lodge

THIS IS A CLASSIC river camp and is rated by our staff as one of the top salmon fly fishing experiences in Alaska. Lava Creek Lodge is hundreds of miles from Anchorage and nearly half that distance from the relative angling congestion of Bristol Bay…It's a small place, with cozy cabins that accommodate only eight fly fishermen each week near the shoreline of a remote King and Silver salmon river. Using a fleet of swift skiffs, anglers are out the door and on prime water within minutes each morning, testing tackle against a phenomenal population of bright King Salmon during June and July, and an unrelenting wave of Silver Salmon that arrive in August and September.

If the weather permits, fly rodders may board a float or wheel plane destined for one of several other nearby rivers to face ocean-fresh salmon in numbers that often defy exaggeration.

Both the home water and the fly out destinations are shallow, low gradient tundra fisheries and can be easily waded and navigated. Skiffs are used primarily for access, allowing anglers to reach and wade prime runs that are filled with fish.

These short rivers are influenced by daily tidal pushes, and anglers can follow the fish as they shoulder upriver to pools where salmon are often stacked in the clear water like cordwood.

With only eight anglers sharing the action, everyone at Lava Creek Lodge gets what amounts to daily "pick of the litter" and with no fishing competition there's no rush to get to the best spots.

Each two anglers share a cabin and are accompanied daily by skilled guides *(well-schooled in fly fishing)*. There's always plenty of individual attention, expert instruction, and no shortage of ocean-fresh, fish-filled water that is super-clear in all but the worst weather.

THE COZY CABINS at Lava Creek Lodge are just a short distance from great salmon fishing. Accompanied by terrific, fly-fluent guides, and using jon boats, the guests are always on the water at the right time.

Remarkably, large rainbow trout were recently discovered in the headwaters of Lava Creek Lodge's home river. The lodge has set aside three weeks in July and August to target these untouched fish, only four anglers per week, with everyone having a private cabin. Big, beautiful leopard rainbows that love mouse and streamer patterns!

Lava Creek Lodge has been completely vetted by our expert travel staff here at The Fly Shop® We're confident you will agree that the place is terrific. It's an exciting combination of resident angling, exciting fly out destinations, good food, cozy accommodations, and fly-savvy guides.

lava creek lodge

▲ June/July King Salmon weeks	$9,950
▲ August/September Silver weeks	9,950
▲ Mid-July to mid-Aug. Trout weeks	9,950

▲ 7 night/6 day packages begin and end on Sundays in Anchorage, and include private charter to camp and everything but tackle, license, and alcohol.

Each season fills entirely and we recommend that anglers inquire as early as possible.

Kings & Silvers

Arian Stevens photo

Fireweed signals the arrival of salmon in Alaska's rivers, and there are few thrills in our 49th state that compare to challenging a supercharged king salmon or a red-hot silver that's just arrived from the ocean. These salt-fresh fish are loaded with fat, muscle, and energy. They also bring a bad attitude, are primed for battle, and itching for a fight.

WHEN THOSE salmonids get their first taste of fresh water their osmotic balance goes haywire. They stop eating. Their stomach begins to disintegrate (*to make room for developing eggs and sperm*) and they're as power-packed, and as strong as they'll ever be in their short life span. They're ready.

Fortunately for fishermen, the arrival of the chums, kings, sockeyes, and silvers is incredibly predictable, and so reliable that many of the Inuits (*the indigenous peoples of Alaska, Canada, and Greenland*) actually set their calendar by the arrival of the different salmon species and gave names to the annual return date of each run. The timing of those runs is uniformly related to latitude, but can vary considerably from fishery to fishery. So, it's critical to research your destinations and plan your trip to coincide with the escapement in the river you're considering.

Most salmon species travel an average of 150 miles from the sea to reach their spawning grounds, and every inch of the journey represents a loss of energy. It makes sense then, that the nearer these Pacific immigrants are caught to the ocean, the brighter, stronger, and more powerful they're going to be.

They call Chinook salmon "Kings" for a reason. They are the largest of the Pacific salmon, and show up incredibly strong, but ripen quickly once they hit fresh water and the peak of their run in any given watershed is only about a month or six weeks at the outside, in June and July.

The Coho arrival is usually staggered. Fresh fish often come in on every tide for up to two months, and the window of opportunity is a bit wider with silvers than with kings.

The Alaska rivers with the best runs of kings and silvers are not necessarily the best for fly fishing except in the shallow water near their headwaters and in their tributaries. The directory of salmon rivers custom-crafted by Mother Nature for fly fishermen isn't long. The best of them run relatively clear and shallow, where fly rodders don't have to resort to using super fast sinking fly lines and ultra-heavy outfits to get their fly in front of the fish. It's an even smaller list of the isolated locations where productive fly fishing can be enjoyed in privacy.

Pound for pound, "Silvers" *(Coho)* are the best fighting fish in Alaskan fresh water and rate as the most aggressive and fly-friendly of the five Pacific salmon. It's more common than unusual to hook and land dozens of silvers in a day.

Silver salmon first announce their presence in most Alaska rivers and streams late in the summer. Their run doesn't overlap with the king season at all. The best silver fishing starts in August and *(in some places)* continues through late September. Action lasts a little later on Kodiak Island and farther down the Alaska Peninsula than on the Kenai rivers or in coastal mainland watersheds.

An average Coho will tip the scales at about nine pounds and a trophy weighs in the high teens. World-class silver salmon are considered to weigh over twenty pounds and there are a few of them landed every season. That usually translates into hundreds of pounds of striking, fighting, pulling, jumping salmon each day!

Chums, kings, silvers, and sockeyes nearly always cohabit with significant numbers of Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, and rainbow trout. However, even in the fish factory called Alaska, it's unusual to find significant numbers of fresh kings or silvers and large numbers of rainbow trout in the same river.

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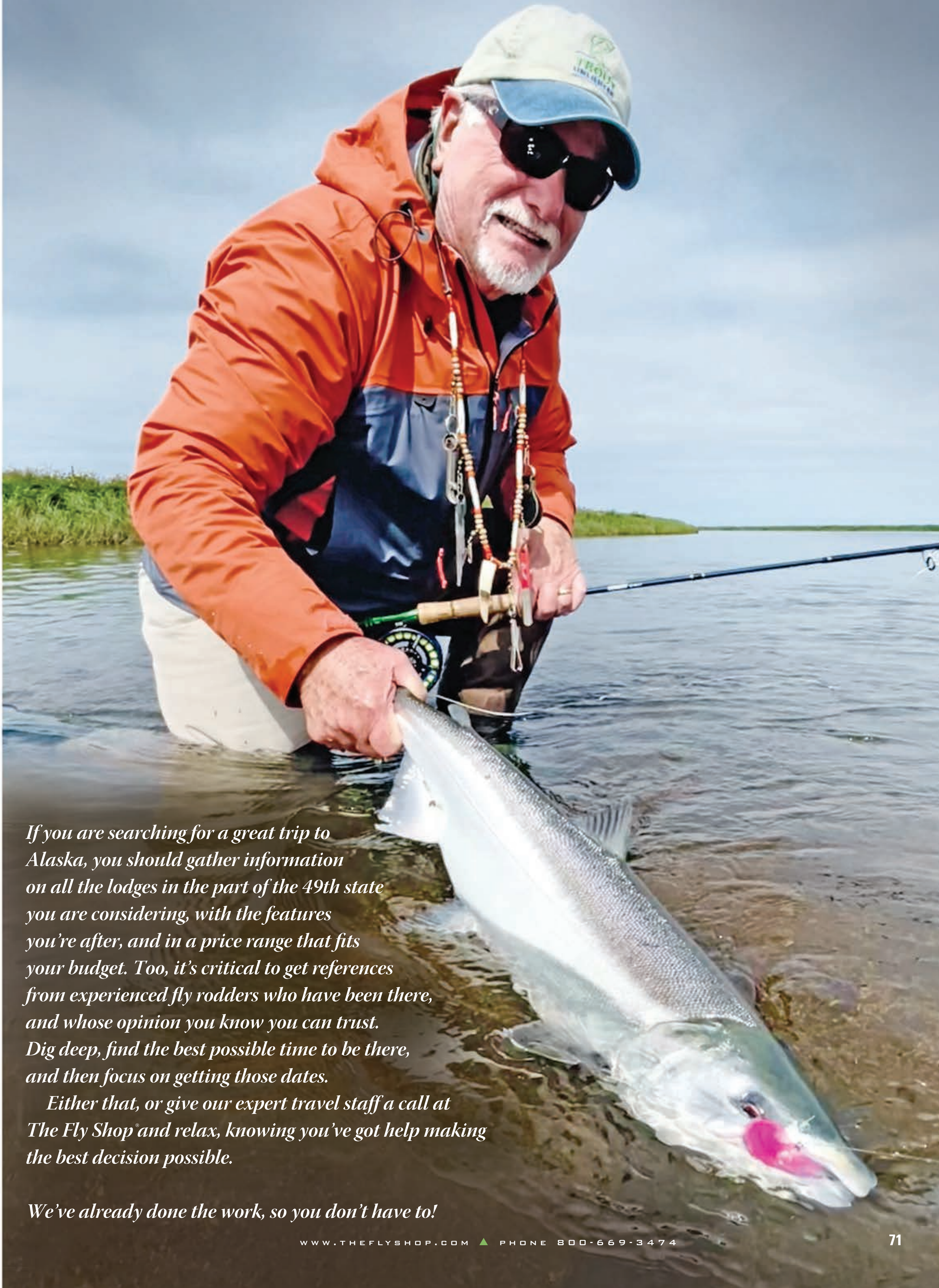

If you are searching for a great trip to Alaska, you should gather information on all the lodges in the part of the 49th state you are considering, with the features you're after, and in a price range that fits your budget. Too, it's critical to get references from experienced fly rodders who have been there, and whose opinion you know you can trust. Dig deep, find the best possible time to be there, and then focus on getting those dates.

Either that, or give our expert travel staff a call at The Fly Shop® and relax, knowing you've got help making the best decision possible.

We've already done the work, so you don't have to!

THE BEST RIVERS IN ALASKA FOR

Kings & Silver Salmon

Kings

BURIED DEEP in the lizard part of your brain something registers that "This is the cast." It is perhaps your fiftieth cast of the morning into the mist-shrouded river yet, despite a complete lack of action to this point, you just *know.* The way the line had laid out effortlessly and accurately, delivering the bright pink Intruder to within inches of the far cut bank; the well-timed mend to set the drift; the weight of the swing relaying the perfect tension to your finger…and then the sudden heaviness, followed by an alarmingly violent headshake, and you come tight.

Seventy feet out in the gray morning light you glimpse an impossibly wide chrome girth wallow briefly on the surface, then turn downstream and begin to rip line at a frightening rate. You slog clumsily in pursuit, rod held high, heart pounding in disbelief at the size of the beast attached to your line. Twenty minutes later you hold the creature in the water, marveling at the sheer girth of the fish, the sea lice still embedded low on its massive flank, and the silver-purplish hues of a salmon fresh from the salt.

Now you understand why they are called, simply, "Kings."

The Silver Salmon Experience

A MERE FIFTY yards away the small river you are wading slides softly into the sandy-bottomed Bering Sea, and between that confluence and yourself something remarkable is taking place. Fins. Over an expanse the size of a 7-Eleven parking lot there are dozens, maybe hundreds of dorsal fins waving above the shallow pool. Silver salmon in staggering numbers, staged up, re-living the ancient pattern of transition between salty and fresh, resetting their bearings for the short journey ahead. Before casting you take a brief moment to take in the natural exhibition that surrounds you – sensing the looming mountains jutting abruptly into the sky at your back, hearing the screech of gulls hovering above this natural exhibition, tasting as much as smelling the tang of salty air. Your senses overwhelmed, exhilarated, you double haul the gaudy pink deer hair popper to the edge of the mass of fish, take three chugging retrieves and five waking salmon immediately zero in on the movement, closing on it like the chrome predators they are.

The winner glides into the floating fly, its fleshy kype gaping above the surface in an almost comical take; you set the hook and fourteen pounds of angry, mint-bright, scale-shedding fury cartwheels across the surface. All around, the rest of the pool erupts, other salmon exploding in panic, shredding the pool in chaotic explosions.

It is even better than you had ever imagined…

trotter's baranof wilderness lodge is one of the most popular family fishing vacation lodges in the world. Inquire early about space at this Southeastern sportfishing Mecca because there's something for everyone. The menu includes a mixed bag of salmon, char, and halibut fishing, whale watching, or lounging in the hot springs. The lodge and meals are superb and Baranof Lodge hosts both spin and fly fishermen. This is one of our recommended top spots for couples and families interested in an Alaska wilderness holiday.

- 5 night/5½ day package $7,550 2025
- *Space is very limited*

hidden cove lodge

This is hard-core silver salmon fishing at a no-frills lodge. The lodge is just a short flight from Cordova and jet-sleds are used every morning to position anglers on the fish-rich home river.

It's a short, shallow river with crystal clear visibility that makes it even more perfect for fly fishing. 10 to 12-pound Cohos by the thousands arrive in late-August and fishing is non-stop thru September.

It's easy to get to, affordable, and one of Alaska's top salmon values.

- 6 night/6 day package $4,550

hoodoo's sapsuk river lodge

The Sapsuk is shallow, clear, and chock full of aggressive Chinook in June and July. Then it's stuffed wall-to-wall with silvers during August and September. The shallow runs and pools don't require ultra-fast sinking lines and the river is narrow enough to fish with single-handed rods yet broad enough to cover with powerful, double-handed outfits.

This is a terrific lodge, with an optional fly-out.

- King Salmon Package

$7,250 plus $2,200 charter fee $9,450 total (*2:1 client/guide ratio*)
6,650 plus 2,200 charter fee 8,850 total (*3:1 client/guide ratio*)

- Silver Salmon Package

$7,250 plus $2,200 charter fee $9,450 total (*2:1 client/guide ratio*)
6,650 plus 2,200 charter fee 8,850 total (*3:1 client/guide ratio*)

- Grand Slam Package

$6,250 plus $2,200 charter fee $8,450 total (*2:1 client/guide ratio*)

hoodoo's sandy river king salmon & steelhead lodge

Plan years ahead if you're interested, because this is, hands down, one of the finest king salmon and steelhead fisheries on the North American continent. The season is short on the Sandy. Space is very limited, and the action is out of this world.

- Sandy River King Package

$7,850 plus $2,400 charter fee $10,250 total (*2:1 client/guide ratio*)
7,250 plus 2,400 charter fee 9,650 total (*3:1 client/guide ratio*)

- Sandy River Steelhead Package

$8,850 plus $2,400 charter fee $11,250 total (*2:1 client/guide ratio*)
8,250 Plus 2,400 charter fee 10,650 total (*3:1 client/guide ratio*)

wild ayakulik

Each summer phenomenal numbers of sockeyes, silvers, and steelhead parade past this riverside tent camp on a remote, lake-fed, Kodiak Island river. The Ayakulik is a short fishery custom-tailored by Mother Nature for fly fishing. It runs clear and fishable in all but the worst of weather, is easily waded, and can be covered effortlessly with a single-handed or double-handed fly rod.

Guests will find great fishing just outside the tent flap and miles of salmon-stuffed river a short boat ride away with no competition on the river's shallow riffles, pools, and runs.

The State of Alaska strictly limits access to the upper Ayakulik, and this superb fish camp only accommodates six anglers each week. So, make your reservations early.

- 7 night/6 day package $7,800
- *Space is very limited*

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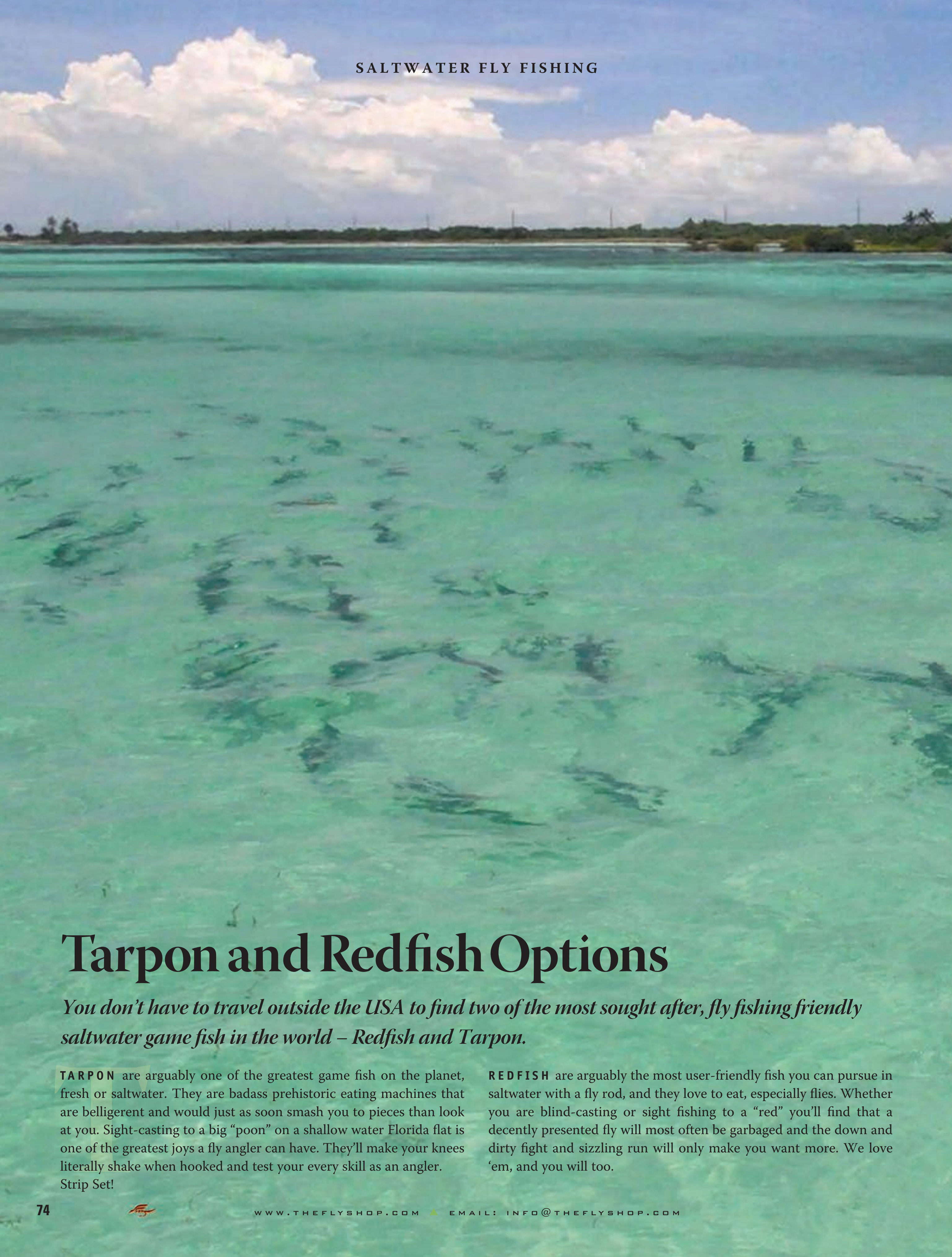

Tarpon and Redfish Options

You don't have to travel outside the USA to find two of the most sought after, fly fishing friendly saltwater game fish in the world – Redfish and Tarpon.

TARPON are arguably one of the greatest game fish on the planet, fresh or saltwater. They are badass prehistoric eating machines that are belligerent and would just as soon smash you to pieces than look at you. Sight-casting to a big "poon" on a shallow water Florida flat is one of the greatest joys a fly angler can have. They'll make your knees literally shake when hooked and test your every skill as an angler. Strip Set!

REDFISH are arguably the most user-friendly fish you can pursue in saltwater with a fly rod, and they love to eat, especially flies. Whether you are blind-casting or sight fishing to a "red" you'll find that a decently presented fly will most often be garbaged and the down and dirty fight and sizzling run will only make you want more. We love 'em, and you will too.

Bahia Honda Sporting Club photo

Woodland Plantation

The Woodland Plantation is less than an hour by car from the New Orleans airport, and within easy striking distance of tens of thousands of acres of inland marshes that are home to the biggest, most plentiful, and least educated redfish imaginable. This area is recognized as one of the world's most prolific year-round saltwater fisheries, and considered by most experts to be the redfish capital of the world.

The place is almost too good to be true. They speak English and you don't need a passport. It's very easy to get to. In fact, you can get there in time for dinner from just about anywhere in the USA. It is totally affordable, has first class accommodations and, best of all, the redfishing rates as the best found anywhere!

SIGHT FISHING IN THE SHALLOW marshland surrounding Woodland Plantation is a unique, twelve-month long, user-friendly, fly fishing experience. Most of the redfish are spotted in shallow water and, though casts have to be accurate, the shots are typically less than fifty feet. It's an every day opportunity for action and a terrific destination for anglers of all skill levels.

Anglers arriving in the spring, summer, and early fall can expect their days to be filled with action, with fish ranging in size from 2 to 15 pounds, and an occasional "bull" (*redfish that tip the scales at 20 to 30 pounds*). They're perfect targets for an 8-weight rod with a floating line. Bigger models are more common on the shallow flats from October through March and will test the strength of any 10-weight. While the focus near the Woodland is definitely on the redfish, the menu also includes speckled trout, black drum, sheepshead, gar, and jacks. And, at the end of the action-packed, fun-filled day, the talented guides return their clients to one of the most entertaining and enjoyable après angling locations in America.

COMFORT
SOUTHERN COMFORT

Originally established as a working plantation in 1834, Woodland is family-owned and the mansion was completely restored in 1998. It stands today as the only remaining plantation home in that part of the Louisiana Delta and operates as an antebellum hotel with over twenty bedrooms, each with private baths. The Woodland also has five other more modern cottages and cabin accommodations on the property that are easily tailored for smaller groups. It's a great spot for couples, a couple of anglers, a bunch of pals, or any size group.

The Woodland is everything you'd expect in a 180-year-old southern mansion. Quiet bedrooms, rocking chairs on the porch, and a swamp with alligators out back. Whiskey drinkers may find the image of the Woodland Plantation familiar, since it's been on the label of Southern Comfort whiskey for ninety years.

The "Spirits Hall" at the Woodland Plantation is the dining room, the bar, and the social center. Like the kitchen at home, it's the operation's beating heart. Once a Catholic church 14 miles downriver, it was moved in 1998, refurbished, and converted into the charming gathering spot for guests. The modified pulpit, ironically, is now a well-stocked bar and a popular watering hole for guests and locals. The ball game is always on the television, and someone is always available to share a drink or memories from your fishing day on the marsh.

THE FLY SHOP® WILL TAILOR YOUR TRIP to match your schedule. Working with the Woodlands staff, we'll partner you with one of their stable of top-notch, local guides and build you a terrific, memorable angling holiday.

What we recommend is three full days of fishing and a stay of either three or four nights at the Woodlands Plantation. Guests should arrive, if possible, no later than 7:30 in the evening to ensure you get to kick off your fishing holiday with a great dinner and a sampling of their marvelous brand of cajun hospitality.

The choices of nearby canals, flats, lagoons, bayous, and grass-covered fishing grounds are endless, and it is a rare exception for guests to cover the same area of the marshland twice in a single visit.

Breakfasts are available early, and the guides usually shove off every day from one of several nearby launch sites. Lunch is in the field and guests return from the angling action late each afternoon in time for cocktails, conversation, and a five-course dinner at "the church."

On the final day of fishing, anglers may choose to end their holiday with another overnight at the Plantation, head to the Louis Armstrong Int'l Airport and catch an evening flight home, or enjoy an additional night or two of fine dining, music, and entertainment in "The Big Easy."

▲ 4 nights lodging with all meals, and 3 full days of guided fly fishing is approximately $2,575 per angler, double occupancy.

▲ Packages include all meals as well as evening appetizers, shared guide, fly fishing tackle, flies, and a superb box lunch.

▲ Longer and shorter stays, single occupancy packages, pricing for extra or fewer days of accommodations or guided fishing, and modestly priced non-fishing rates are available upon request

Texas
Redfishing

Bay Flats Lodge

Bay Flats Lodge on the Texas coast offers guests unmatched year round inshore sight-fishing opportunities, right here in our own US "backyard". The fishing is world-class, and after a memorable day on the water you return to beautiful accommodations and superb dining.

THE CENTRAL PORTION of the Texas coast is blanketed by the well-known lowland marsh that's an iconic part of the Gulf Coast, and is edged by shorelines and beaches rich in marine life, as well as wildlife. The mild winters, bay waters and abundant food supply attract more than 400 species of birds to the area, including the whooping crane, one of North America's rarest birds. But there is much more that this area of the coastal region has to offer, and Bay Flats Lodge is the only fishing lodge that provides close proximity to these amazing Texas gems.

Their fishing grounds include San Antonio Bay, Espiritu Santo Bay, and Shoalwater, Hynes, Ayres, and Mesquite bays. Portions of a few of these bays help make up Matagorda Island, a 39-mile-long offshore barrier island separating the mainland from the Gulf of Mexico. It consists of a myriad of secluded lake areas and hundreds of acres of coastal marsh and dunes. This unique environment is unlike anywhere else along the Texas coast. It provides multiple options when choosing where to fish, and also provides protection from coastal winds that can often be a nuisance to fly anglers.

Guides at Bay Flats Lodge use lightweight poling skiffs designed to get you back into the shallowest of bays to find redfish. Seasoned professionals push you silently along, pointing out tailing redfish and the tell-tale wakes of schools of fish in the clear, often inches-deep water. The flats around the Lodge are gin-clear and offer unbelievable sight-fishing opportunities for these opportunistic predators. The main targeted species will be redfish, though there is always a chance at an occasional sheepshead, speckled trout, or southern flounder, as well. Most of these redfish range from 22˝- 30˝, with an occasional big bull red always a possibility.

Bay Flats Lodge has over 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space to enjoy after an awesome day hunting redfish on the flats. Gather around the fire pits, a huge outdoor kitchen, the cornhole courts, or relax at their smaller common areas. They also have meeting and conference rooms available for corporate groups.

Come for a weekend or book a whole week of flats fishing. The Fly Shop® can customize your trip to your individual schedule. Any saltwater angler knows fishing success is directly related to the weather you experience during your stay…the more days you have on the water, the more likely for a few days of calm, clear weather allowing you and your guide to better see fish in the shallow backwater bays.

The Lodge offers multiple lodging options. They have suites within the main lodge that can accommodate 1-2 anglers, as well as separate houses/suites close by that can take a group of 9 anglers all with private rooms and a common area to enjoy a cocktail and share stories at the end of a fish-filled day. All rooms include air conditioning, two queen beds with pillow-top mattresses and Marriott Luxury Hotel Bedding and Linens to ensure you are well-rested during your fishing adventure. Each room has a full bathroom with a shower. We can set you up with a memorable fishing holiday for you and your buddy, a group of angling friends, or just yourself perched in the bow all day long with your guide poling you along.

Breakfast is served early in the dining room and lunches are sent with your guide to be enjoyed on the boat between catching fish. Their gourmet sandwiches are made on homemade bread stacked with different meats and cheeses of your choice. Plus, there are plenty of chips, cookies, soft drinks, and cold water to re-energize you on the water.

The dinner experience at the lodge is quite an event. Appetizers every night at 5:30 pm include a range of local seafood and delicious bites hot off the grill, served in the outside dining area. Dinner is served upstairs in the main dining room. The main courses are always mouth-watering local favorites, served in Texas-sized proportions. Favorites include 16 oz. aged center-cut Black Angus rib-eye with all the fixins', or Bay Flats Lodge's famous double-boned, center-cut pork chops with a balsamic glaze atop a bed of wilted spinach and polenta.

▲ The most common stay is a 4 night/3 day trip allowing guests to spend one more night at the lodge before continuing home the following morning.

▲ Price per angler is $2,346, double occupancy.

▲ Longer and shorter stays, single occupancy packages, extra nights of accommodations or days of guided fishing can be easily arranged.

Bay Flats Lodge photos

Florida
Lower Keys

Bahia Honda Sporting Club

Bahia Honda Sporting Club is a lovely Mediterranean villa on a 16-acre estate surrounded by a wildlife refuge. Guests enjoy a palm-shaded pool and verandas overlooking the marina and open sea. The lodge is limited to only 10 anglers with plenty of room for non-fishing companions, and lots for them to do in nearby Key West.

Bahia Honda is a small, one-of-a-kind operation, at a perfect location. Their packages include first-class versions of every imaginable item in the formula needed to create a successful and memorable saltwater fly fishing holiday.

DISCRIMINATING ANGLERS will appreciate the fact that everything they'll need is waiting for them at Bahia Honda Lodge. The all-inclusive experience begins with the Key West airport reception and 30-minute transfer north to the beautiful villa on a private estate on an open water bay. The fee covers excellent accommodations, fine cuisine, terrific guides, first-class skiffs, whatever is necessary in the way of fly fishing tackle, an open bar, fine wine selection, and every soda, craft beer, and bottle of water.

It gets even better when they've met the attentive lodge staff and gotten to know the team of experienced guides that have established Bahia Honda as the top-rated flats fishing operation in the Florida Keys, open only during the April, May, and June, peak season.

A great deal of the success and popularity of the operation can be credited to its strategic location in the Lower Keys. The private marina at Bahia Honda is within easy striking distance of a vast network of flats spanning both the shallow Atlantic oceanside and the Gulf of Mexico. With no need to travel far beyond their own home water, and the ability to compensate for the calendar with two separate (*Gulf and Atlantic*) tides, the Bahia Honda guide team has it made!

This is, arguably, the very best spot for adult migratory tarpon on Earth.

Guides do tailor their days to match the interests and skill levels of their clients, and the lodge rotates the guide schedules daily, ensuring the clients will gain exposure to a variety of techniques, philosophies, and even terminal tackle. Veteran clients are welcome to bring their own equipment, but it isn't necessary.

The Fly Shop® simply can't recommend Bahia Honda more highly!

▲ All-inclusive angling packages $1,500 per day, per person, double occupancy
▲ Stays can be tailored for as few as 3 nights or as many as requested
▲ Non-angling packages include all dining, amenities and accommodations
▲ Options include single occupancy supplements, and deluxe suites or cottages

Bahia Honda Sporting Lodge photos

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THE FLY SHOP'S

FishCamp™ *for* kids & families

Our award-winning summer camps are located in the perfect outdoor campus. It is the ideal way for young boys and girls (age 10-15) to learn about and enjoy the sport of fly fishing.

Toby Nolan photos

KID CAMPERS LEARN the fundamental casting and fly fishing techniques, fly tying, and a variety of outdoor skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

They'll meet other junior anglers with the same interests and have a ball, catching *(and releasing)* lots of trout in our fish-filled stream and our productive lakes on flies they'll have tied themselves.

During their 5-day stay at Antelope Creek Ranch, campers are supervised by and surrounded by miles of private stream and fish-filled lakes. These provide the ideal fresh-air fly fishing classroom, where camper will have fun while reinforcing the instruction with angling action.

We first opened our tent flaps to generations of future fly fishers in 1998, and over the years we've developed the finest youth fly fishing camp in the nation. This is the ideal place to instill permanent enthusiasm, ensure success, and guarantee your FishCampers develop correct habits.

Kids FishCamps™ $1,195 per Camper

A 4-night, 5-day stay at the Antelope Creek Ranch FishCamp™ is the perfect way to introduce your youngster to the world of fly fishing.

▲ June 16 - 20 ▲ June 23 - 27
▲ July 7 - 11 ▲ July 28 - August 1

Advanced FishCamp™ $1,595 per Camper

This more advanced curriculum is ideal for young anglers who are well-grounded in fly fishing or are graduates of introductory FishCamp™. Camp includes a guided Lower Sacramento float trip after commencement.

▲ July 21 - 25 ▲ July 14 - 18

Everything at FishCamp™ is included

Every meal, all equipment, comfortable wall tents, bunks, professional round-the-clock supervision, instruction, superb counselors, lots of fun and loads of fish. Kids need to bring only their sleeping bag, clothing, toiletries, and a big smile.

▲ *Learn knots*
▲ *Casting techniques*
▲ *How to fly fish*
▲ *Hiking & games*
▲ *Basic entomology*
▲ *Reading water*
▲ *Conservation*
▲ *Fly tying*
▲ *On-stream classes*
▲ *Catch-and-release*
▲ *Leave-No-Trace*
▲ *Stream courtesy*

Our ranch is our classroom!
Our fences surround two miles of private streams and two trophy trout-filled lakes.

THE FLY SHOP'S

Fly Fishing Schools

Katie Falkenberg photo

OUR EXPERT TEACHING STAFF has a fine-tuned approach to instruction that makes learning the sport easy, fun, and fast. We care about properly introducing the sport of fly fishing to others. It's part of why we've developed one of the premier fly fishing education programs in the country.

Our curriculum includes fly fishing programs for beginner, intermediate, and advanced fly fishers.

3-Day Fly Fishing Schools

Our most popular and comprehensive fly fishing school is intended to give newcomers the skills and confidence to successfully pursue the sport on their own afterwards. The emphasis is placed on fundamental casting techniques, basic knots, fly selection, entomology, and all of the other lessons necessary to tackle any freshwater trout fishing situation successfully.

All fly fishing equipment, meals, lodging, study guides, instruction, and workbooks are included in our comprehensive three-day clinics.

- ▲ $1,895 per person, double occupancy
- ▲ 2,450 per person, single occupancy.
- ▲ May 8 - 11 *(Note - Mother's Day weekend.)*
- ▲ August 14 - 17

Women's 3-Day Fly Fishing Schools

A full-on learning experience featuring our fine-tuned instruction curriculum custom-tailored to an audience of women-only in a fun-filled, no-pressure and no-testosterone atmosphere.

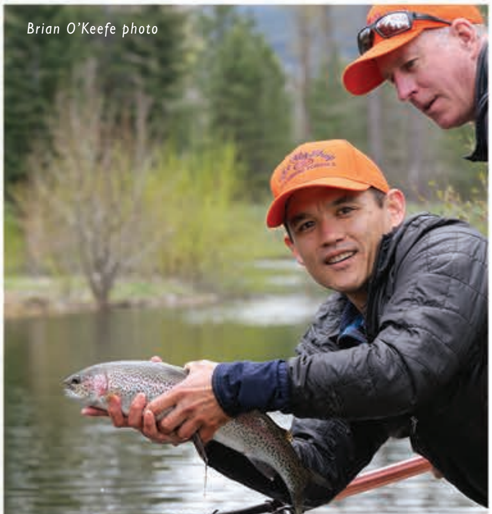
All tackle is provided and the ladies have ample opportunity to reinforce their lessons in the fish-rich lakes and stream at Antelope Creek Ranch.

- ▲ $1,895 per person, double occupancy
- ▲ 2,450 per person, single occupancy.
- ▲ August 21 - 24 *Women only*

3-Day Spey School

Conducted by a team of certified Master Fly Casting instructors at Gold River Lodge on the Lower Klamath River, the lessons at this comprehensive hands-on school will be done on moving water that simulates actual, practical situations anglers encounter.

- ▲ $2,695 per person, single occupancy
- ▲ August 7 - 10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THE FLY SHOP'S

Fly Fishing Clinics & Seminars

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1-Day Spey Casting Clinics

Expert instruction on the Lower Sacramento River with The Fly Shop's Chris King, Two Hand Master Certified Casting Instructor.

Our talented team will be supplemented for this information-packed seminar by regional experts of the two-handed casting skill.

Each day's program will start at 9:30 am at a broad gravel bar on the Sacramento River just south of Redding. The morning program will start with some informal discussions on Spey casting, followed by several hours of actual Spey casting as well as on-water demonstrations and one-on-one instruction.

- $295 per person
- November 8 & 9

1-Day Trout Clinics

The Fly Shop® has several clinics for those who are interested in improving their skills and knowledge to tackle fly fishing for trout in a variety of situations. These one day clinics offer expert instruction that will build upon basic skills in the Freestone Trout Clinic, to more specialized techniques presented in the European Nymphing and Trout Spey Clinics. These day-long clinics are designed to take novice fly fishers to the next level.

- Freestone Trout Clinic
- European Nymphing Clinic
- Trout Spey Clinic
- $200 per clinic per person

Call for available dates

Specialized Seminars

Instruction can be tailored for individual anglers, any size group, club organization, or business. We'll build a customized curriculum to match your schedule, skill level, interests or goals; whether it's a one-day introduction to the sport, a clinic to prepare for an exotic fishing trip, or an on-the-water workshop covering the fine points of Spey casting. The Fly Shop® team will be glad to tailor a private clinic or seminar at the location of your choice, at Antelope Creek Ranch, or at a park or convenient site near your home or office.

Please write, e-mail or call for information, rates, and the dates for these sessions.

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